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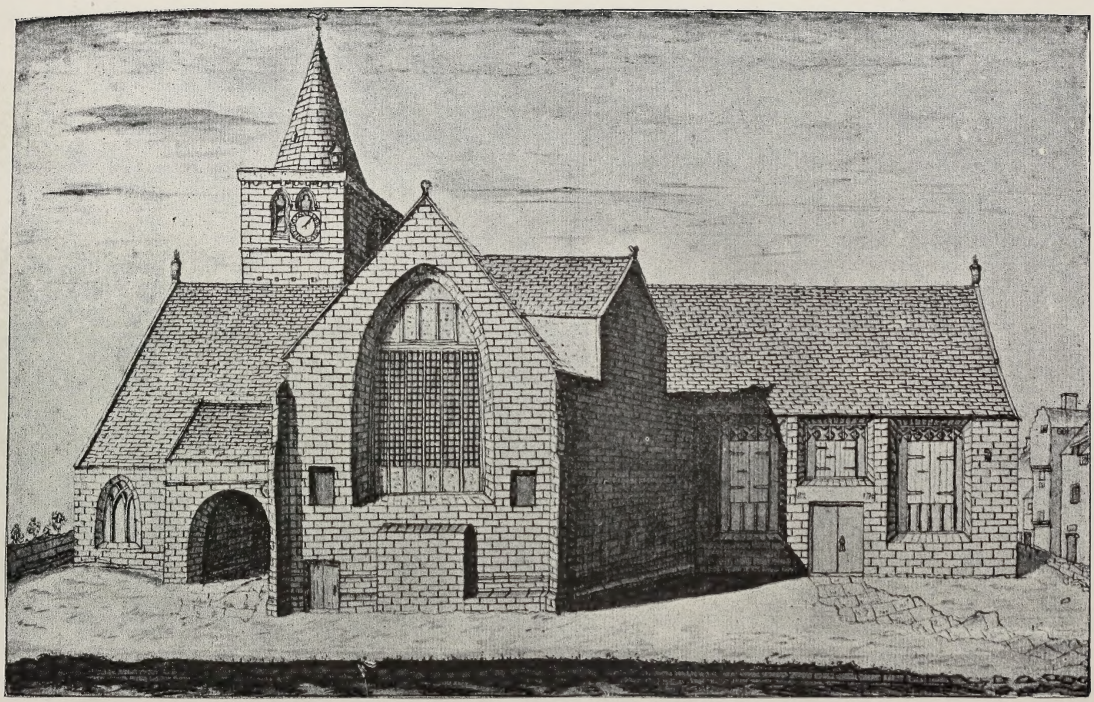

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREWS IN 1767.

[*See p.* cvi.]

REGISTER OF
THE MINISTER ELDERS AND DEACONS OF THE CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION OF
ST. ANDREWS

COMPRISING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE KIRK SESSION AND OF THE COURT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FIFE FOTHRIK AND STRATHEARN.

1559-1600

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PREFACE.

Many of the cases in this part of the *Register of the Kirk Session* resemble those which occur in the previous part, and the delinquents are frequently dealt with in a very similar manner; but this is far from being a mere repetition of the former with different names and dates. Transgressions of other kinds also appear, and the old prevailing vices are more severely punished. There are likewise many interesting references to noteworthy matters, old customs, and prominent persons. Some outstanding men become members of Session; and the newly-erected Presbytery, having its seat in St. Andrews, co-operates with the Session in repressing sin and reforming the manners of the people.

Only one obstinate Papist figures in this part, and occasional references seem to imply that they were well nigh extinct in the neighbourhood. In August 1587, it was 'delatit to the Sessioun that Mr. James Myrton is new cum hame furth of uther cuntreis, and is suspect of Papistrie. Thairfoir the Sessioun ordanit him to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun, and gif confessioun of his faith conforme to the Act of Parliament.' Thrice was he warned by the officer, and thrice was he publicly cited, but in vain; and for his contemptuous disobedience he was 'decernit worthie to mereit the sentence of excommunicatioun, and the samyn to be execut aganis him.'[1] In the following December, Mr. Thomas Methven—apparently he who in 1561 had troubled the Session, and who in 1569 'abhorrit and detestit al superstition and Papistre'—ratified

[1] Pp. 601-607.

'the haill articlis of religioun professit within this realme, and promist nevir to use in tymes cuming ony uther religion, nor yit that kynd of speking to say that he is nather Papist nor Protestane.'[1] In April 1590, it was decided 'to request every gentillman, within his awin boundis, to tak diligent inquisition of all incestious personis, adulteraris, fornicatouris, on baptizit bairnis, Papistis, Jesuittis, and of all utheris notabill vices, within the parrochin'; [2] but in response to this appeal no information seems to have been lodged against a single Papist or Jesuit. In a collection of acts re-adopted in 1595, it is provided that 'quha keipis ony superstitious dayis, as Zuill day, Peace day, or ony uther holy dayis, or that hes ony uther face of religioun nor that quhilk God of his mercy hes offerit to us, salbe estemit Papistis and sall underly the punischement of the Act of Parliament, and also censsorit be ecclesiasticall discipline'; and again that 'thai quha refusis to communicat with the bretherein, and wilfullie abstrakis thame thairfra, salbe estemit Papistis, and punisit thairfor conforme to the Act of Parliament, and also thoill ecclesiasticall discipline.'[3] These are all the references to Papists, but during the same period there are, among others, the following in the *Register of the Presbytery*:—Lord Oliphant was allowed, in 1590, to receive his son-in-law, the Master of Angus, for fourteen days, under certain conditions; a fast was appointed in 1594, 'in respect of the dengerous practesis of the excumunicat lordis traveling withe the gentillmen of the cuntrie for assistance'; the brethren were ordered in 1596 to intimate the excommunication of the lords, and 'to try within thair boindis quha ar traffectoris and moyeneris for them'; in the winter of 1600-1 the Presbytery feared 'greit danger' from the resorting of Mr. John Hamilton and other seminary priests within their

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[1] P. 609.—In 1561, Methven is described as 'prebendar of Kyngask and Kynglesse' (p. 138); and, in the *Register of the Presbytery*, he is mentioned, in 1596, as 'present possessour of the teindis of Kingask and New Biggin.'

[2] P. 662. [3] Pp. 808, 810.

bounds;[1] on the sixth of May 1602, a suspected Papist was strictly examined;[2] and two years later a letter was received from the Presbytery of Perth, craving help in seeking redress from the Privy Council, 'anent the abominatioun of the mes quhilk laitlie wes in St. Johnstoun.'

But although there were so few professed Papists left in St. Andrews, the Session found that the old customs were not easily eradicated. Some parishioners could hardly be prevented from observing Yule, and when the magistrates came to the rescue they received 'reprochefull language.' Most of the offenders protested before the Presbytery, whose help had to be invoked, 'that thei did nocht acknawlege ony holines in that day, moir then ony uther day, nether yit that thei did hailely abstine from wark that day; bot nocht having mikle ado thei past to their pastyme in the feildis and uther places, &c., for the quhilk if thei had faulted thei wald submit tham selfis to the judgement of the Presbiterie.' Others—including

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[1] John Hamilton had at one time been a member of the Session (see p. 399 and *n.*). The references to him in the *Register of the Presbytery* are as follows:—'December 11 [1600]. The quhilk day, the Presbyterie ordanis the Moderatour to wreit to the King's minister in name of the Presbyterie, to desyre his Majestie to intimat the proclamatioun, maid aganis Mr. Johne Hammyltoun, in Cuper, St. Androis, and uther places neidfull in Fyf, be reasoun of his frequent resorte in thir boundis.' 'Januarii 22, *anno D.* 1601. The quhilk day, the Presbyterie, weying the greit danger that wes liklie to ensew be the resorte of Mr. Johne Hammyltoun and utheris seminarie preistis within thir boundis, hes desyrit Mr. James Meluill, Moderatour of the last Synodall Assemblie, to wreit to his Majestie, schewing him that the present necessite cravit the haisting of the Synodall befoir the ordinarie tyme; and to desyre his Majestie to wreit to the best affectit gentillmen to be present and assist the Assemblie.'

[2] The record of his examination is well worthy of quotation:—'Robert Wode, compeirand, excuisand his absence the last day, being posit, 1, how he profest being furth of the contrie, ansueris, he profest na religion; 2, quhy he absentit him self fra the prayeris in the schip, ansueris, quhen his helth permittit he came; 3, tuiching his beadis, ansueris, he brocht them out of Rome, but usit them not for devotioun; 4, quhy he usit ane Papisticall buik, ansueris, it wes Mr. Jon Hayis *Demandis*, quhilk he usit to instruct him self, nocht to pervert utheris; 5, tuiching his going to the Pope, ansueris, it wes to get gold onlie to sustene his povertie. The Presbyterie referris him to be instructit be the ministeris of St. Androis and St. Leonardis, and ordanis him to resort to them to that effect, and thairefter his satisfactioun to be injoynit.'

one who had offended in the same manner nineteen years before —were 'moir stubburne,' and justified what they had done. Four men came under an obligation to the Session that in future they would not keep Yule nor any other superstitious day holy.[1]

It was not until the end of May 1599 that the Session learned that a most pernicious custom had been kept up in a remote part of the parish. 'Being informit that thair hes bene yeirly upon Trinitie Sonday, in Raderny, ane evill custume of pyping, dansing, drinking, and misordour,' it was ordained that the session-officer should 'pas upon the samin day to Raderny, and command the fewaris thairof, in the name of God and Sessioun, that thai suffer nocht the lyik ryot and prophanation of the Saboth to be usit, bot that thai stay the samin, with certification if thai do in the contrar they salbe punished thairfoir.' The officer did not go alone, yet he soon discovered that his authority was little regarded in Raderny. On the first Wednesday of June, two women appeared before the Session, and, having confessed 'thair dansing and ryot on the last Saboth,' were ordained to make repentance next Sabbath before the pulpit. On the same day the Session found a more sturdy transgressor in David Wemis, who, on being accused for breaking the Act of Session, 'in allowing the dansing, drinking, and ryot usit in the towne of Raderny on Trinitie Sonday last, ansuerit, that custoume wes keipit in Raderny or [*i.e.* ere] ony in the Sessioun wes borne, and albeit the Session had send sum of thair number for staying thairof to Raderny, yit had he and his cumpany bene als mony and als habill, they suld have gottin a meitting, and that he wes nocht in the kirk that day, nather saw that dansing evir stayit befoir.' This ringleader was 'ordinit to be imprissoned in the stipill, till he find cautioun to compeir on Sonday and mak repentance for his fault.' It was also resolved that 'the haill fewaris of

[1] Pp. 738-740.

Raderny' should be warned to appear next Wednesday; and it was added—doubtless because of the difficulty experienced in enforcing discipline on these wayward and distant sheep—'that nane in the boundis of Raderny get ony benefeit in this kirk, except the offendaris satisfie.' The benefits of the kirk, it may be necessary to explain, were baptism, the Lord's Supper, and marriage. Imprisonment in the steeple tamed the spirit of Wemis, and next Wednesday he 'confest his fault in dansing and prophanatioun of the Saboth day and his allowing thairof,' and submitted himself to the will of the Session. He was ordered to make public repentance, and was bound, with his own consent, to pay £10 to the poor, if he should again commit a like fault. On the 20th of June, George Wilson in Raderny was bound 'to ansuer for himself and his familie and cottaris, for keiping the kirk on the Saboth day'; and on the 11th of July three of the Raderny tenants, being admonished, 'promeist nevir to suffer the lyik abuse to be committit be thame selffis, nor na utheris quhome thai may lat.'[1] In the following summer Trinity Sunday was kept in a similar manner in Kincaple. The first batch of the tenants who were accused confessed 'that thair wes sum strangeris com that day thair, and sum prophanation wes usit in that towne, bot thai nather did it nor allowit thairof,' and promised to endeavour 'to stay the lyik in tyme cuming.' Other four of the Kincaple tenants, however, acknowledged that on that day they had played 'at the futball and uther pastyme.' A piper was there from Leuchars, a tailor from St. Andrews, a sailor, one man from Ardet, one from Earlshall, and another from Leuchars. All these were dealt with by the Session. The tailor's case being greatly aggravated by his behaviour on his way home, and by his perjured attempt to clear himself, he was ordained to make his repentance in sackcloth, on the penitent stool, on Friday and Sabbath. When, on the latter day, George Glaidstanes

[1] Pp. 892-897.

demanded if he had repented of his faults, he insolently replied, that his admonition and the decreet of the Session were partly true and partly otherwise. 'He wes dimittit bot nocht absolvit, and the magistrattis requestit to punishe him condignely.'[1] As this volume of the *Register* ends in October 1600, and, as the second volume is lost, it cannot now be ascertained whether any attempt was made next year to observe Trinity Sunday in some other corner of the parish, or whether the measures of the Session had overawed its votaries.[2]

If, as the entries seem to imply, the custom had been kept up since the Reformation, it is amazing how such an observance could have escaped the lynx-eyed Session of St. Andrews for forty years, seeing the village of Raderny is within half-a-dozen miles of the city. It must be noted, however, that the Session had always been over-burdened, the parish being much too large. More than one of the ministers had refused to take the whole charge upon him, and, as Robert Wilkie stated before the Presbytery, 'for boundis and pepill it mycht weill be four parochinis.'[3] Much will be found in this part concerning the negotiations which eventually resulted in the disjunction and formation of the parish of Cameron. Other portions of the parish are now comprehended in Dunino, Ceres, and Kemback; and for many years the minister and Session of St. Andrews had also the oversight of St. Leonard's parish. The population of the city alone at the Reformation has been estimated at from twelve to fifteen thousand. These figures are probably far too high; but there is some reason to believe that the number increased after the Reformation, until in 1585 it was terribly thinned by the pest. Not only was the

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[1] Pp. 925-930.

[2] Alexander Henderson, minister of the neighbouring parish of Leuchars, had to reprove some of his people, in the summer of 1638, for having, in his absence, on a Sabbath 'run from the one end of the parochin to the other to see a dancing' (Henderson's *Sermons, Prayers, and Pulpit Addresses*, p. 363). Probably this was a remnant or attempted resuscitation of the old observance of Trinity Sunday.

[3] P. 655, n.

parish unworkably large, but the vacancies in the ministry had sadly disarranged matters, and led to much neglect. From Robert Hamilton's death in April 1581 until John Rutherfurd's entry in July 1584, the congregation may be said to have been without a regular pastor. Robert Pont had been called, and is supposed to have served for a year; but from various statements in the *Register* it may be doubted whether he came at all. Those three years had been tided over by George Black, and by Thomas Wod, who succeeded him as reader, assisted by Patrick Adamson and the Melvilles. The Earl of March is charged, as Commendator of the Priory, with having colluded with the rulers of the town to keep the ministry vacant, spending the stipend on golf, archery, and good cheer.[1] John Rutherfurd was one of the victims of the pest in October 1585. At that time, as the clerk puts it, 'all gude ordour cessit in this citee'; and the *Register* is blank from the 11th of August 1585 until the 29th of June 1586, when Robert Wilkie took his place as minister. Attempts were made, at his urgent and repeated request, to obtain a fellow-labourer, and in the early part of 1590 John Authinleck was chosen; but in September of that year, Wilkie, having been appointed Principal of St. Leonard's College, resigned the pastoral charge of St. Andrews.[2] Next November, David Black, noted for zeal and energy, was chosen as his successor; but after struggling for a year, and finding that there was no hope of another fellow-helper being appointed instead of Authinleck, who had left for lack of sustenance, he withdrew, and the Presbytery, after trying in vain to retain him, consented.[3] But in April 1593, the General Assembly ordained that as minister of St. Andrews he should discharge the duties of ordinary pastor, and nominated Robert Wallace—a man of

[1] Pp. 481 and n., 488 and n.

[2] Wilkie was elected an elder of St. Andrews Session on the 20th of January 1590-91, on the 28th of November 1593, and on the 1st of November 1594. St. Leonard's had a Session of its own by the 14th of April 1597, probably some years earlier (p. 934 n.).

[3] See his reasons, p. 725, n.

kindred spirit—as his colleague. On the 19th of September they formally 'acceptit the ministre of the citee of St. Androus in and upon thame, equalie and proportionalie'; and for the better carrying on of their work the town was divided into two parts,[1] each of which was subdivided into seven districts. Black produced the conditions on which he accepted the ministry on the 12th of December. They were, in substance, that Wallace's ministry should be established and continued with his own, and that the magistrates should with faithful diligence endeavour to obtain universal obedience to the Word and discipline. Never did colleagues work more cordially or more zealously. During the next three years St. Andrews was destined to undergo a more searching and thorough social reformation than it had ever before experienced.

Sins of uncleanness were still fearfully prevalent. Perhaps the very frequency of the appearance of fornicators on the penitent stool had rendered the punishment commonplace and contemptible in the eyes of the people. A perusal of some portions of the *Register* leaves the impression that at times the Session, in the trial and condemnation of the oft-recurring sin, acted in a somewhat formal manner. But all this was now to be changed. Black and Wallace were determined to put down sin, and they grappled with it right manfully. It had been the practice to free fornicators from imprisonment on payment of forty shillings, but, the very next week after Black produced his conditions, the Session, with the consent of the magistrates, ordained that an Act, which had been drawn up in accordance with the Act of Parliament, should be published on the following Sabbath, and that it

[1] Black proposed that it should be divided into three equal parts, and that these should be respectively under the ministry of himself, Wallace, and Robert Zuill, who had succeeded Thomas Wod in the vicarage; but the Presbytery, on the 13th of September 1593, resolved that Zuill 'suld nocht presentlie enter in the equal burden, bot to continew in exhortatioun and catichesing of the pepill' (p. 755, n.). In November of that year the Session was increased to fifty-nine members. Of these thirty-nine were elders and twenty deacons.

should in all times coming be put to full execution against the transgressors. For the first offence each fornicator was to pay forty pounds to the poor, or be imprisoned for eight days, 'thair fuid bread and small drink, and thaireftir to be presentit to the merkat croce . . . beirhedit, and thair to stand, festnit that thai may nocht remoif, for the space of tua houris.' For the second fault, each was to pay a hundred merks, or the imprisonment to be doubled, their food to be bread and water, to be presented to the market-cross, and their heads to be shaved.[1] For the third fault, the penalty was a hundred pounds, or the imprisonment doubled, to be fed on bread and water, to be thrice ducked, and thereafter banished.[2] Although in every case the full penalty was not inflicted, the proclamation of this Act was no idle threat, for next Wednesday a transgressor was ordained to be punished in conformity with it.

Neither were adulterers allowed to escape so easily as before. A year after the publication of the Act against fornication, a terrible example was made of one of the officers of the town, a married man, who had committed adultery with a married woman. He was put in the jougs, carted through the whole town, then taken to the North Hauch, 'the haill scolaris and utheris, ane great multitude of pepill, upon Mononday ane merkat day, being his convoy, casting rottin eggis, filth, and glar at him,' and 'wes at last dowkit ower the heid diveris tymes.' It was in mid-winter that he was subjected to this treatment, and his civil punishment also included banishment from the city. He had likewise to undergo ecclesiastical discipline. The Session ordained him 'to stand at the kirk dur, beir heddit and beir futtit, ilk precheing day tyme of sermone, fra the secund bell quhill the last bell to sermon, in seclaith; and thaireftir to enter on the hichest degre of the penitent stuill, and sitt quhill the sermone and blessing be gevin, and

[1] This is the only reference to head-shaving in the *Register*.

[2] P. 767.

to cum ilk tyme to the catichisme, and sa to continew quhill the kirk be satisfeit.'[1] In the following March the Session, with the advice of the magistrates, condemned another adulterer 'to be joggit, cartit, and dowkit, and thaireftir to satisfie the kirk be publict humiliatioun conforme to the Actis.'[2] This offender was ducked in the sea. In neither of these cases is anything recorded as to the punishment of their paramours.

The most cursory reader of the *Register* cannot fail to observe that these severe measures had a most beneficial effect in restraining sinners. During the next three years, only five cases of adultery were before the Session. One of these was evidently an old case revived,[3] in another it is merely stated that a woman was 'decernit to be jogit and banisit the boundis of this citie for adulteri,'[4] while the only connection another had with St. Andrews was the child's being born here. Such an offence as the last was not likely to be repeated, as the man and his wife who took in the erring female, seemingly a relative, had to pay forty shillings, and make public humiliation, for not giving information.[5] During the last year of Black's ministry in St. Andrews, there was not a single case of fornication before the Session. And although the penalties were afterwards relaxed, the salutary results of the wholesome teaching and well-merited punishments were long apparent. It was not until 1599 that the brethren, 'finding the syn of fornicatioun and huredum grytlie to incres in this citie and congregatioun,' requested the magistrates to put the Act of Parliament again in execution, and that each offender should pay at least four pounds to be relieved of imprisonment, and 'sa proportionalie to multiplie the samin according to their factis.'[6]

Next to fornicators Sabbath-breakers were the most numerous class of offenders with which the Session had to deal, and there was a multifarious variety in the forms of their trans-

[1] P. 793. [2] P. 794. [3] P. 820.
[4] P. 819. [5] Pp. 796, 797. [6] P. 887.

gressions. Of these may be mentioned playing, and its more aggravated form of playing in time of sermon, passing to the fields and keeping no preaching, playing in the fields, playing in the golf-fields in 'tyme of fast and precheing,' 'playing at the gouf eftir nune,' 'playing and casting the hammer,' running through the town 'under silence of nycht,' drinking, drinking in time of sermon, selling ale in time of preaching, keeping market in Crail, travelling to Falkland market, travelling with packs, carrying loads, 'leading of burn,' playing wort, working cloth, 'laying out skynnis to dry . . . on the calsay,' selling fish, 'slaying flesche,' 'delving and sawing of lint,' leading corn, thrashing corn, and, most frequent of all, absence from church. Fleshers, barbers, cordiners, cadgers, maltmen, mariners, pipers, brousters, litsters, millers, and bakers were admonished or punished as they deserved. With all their strictness the Session were not unreasonable. Two cadgers, who confessed their travelling on Sabbath, and alleged that 'the storme of wether stayit thame ower lang in Dundie upon Sattirday,' were simply bound never to commit the like again.[1] Some may think that in fact they were rather lax, seeing bakers were allowed to open their booth-doors betwixt the preachings, and after five in the evening; but 'all furth putting of caseris, for selling of thair bread, at ony tyme upon the Saboth,' was forbidden;[2] and it was specially ordained that 'na baxter nor tavernour hald furth juigis of wyne, aill, nor bread on the Sabboth, under pane of ten s. for ilk falt, and of publict humiliatioun.'[3] Some of the acts give a general idea of how the Sabbath was to be outwardly observed. It was thought good that 'na leadis of victuall, collis, peatis, turffis, hedder, nor na uther geir, be cariit nor brocht in within this citee on the Sabbaoth day.'[4] 'That diligent triall be takin owklie of sic as abstrackis thame selfis from the sermonis, Sonday, and utheris dayis tyme of sermone, and from the

[1] P. 914. [2] P. 849. [3] P. 837. [4] P. 533.

catichisme; and that na persoun of laufull age be fund nor sein, tyme of sermone, vagand idill furth of the kirk, eftir the ringing of the thrid bell to sermone, nor exercesing ony busines temporall, nor at playis nor gammis; and that na barne without discretioun be brocht to the kirk tyme of sermone. . . . That na buith durris, mercheand nor na uther craftisman, be opint upon Sonday, nor na uther dayis tyme of sermone, eftir the ringing of the last bell to sermone; and that all caichepellis be then closit; and that na topperis of wyne nor aill prepair ony disjunnis, nor sell wyne nor aill at that tyme; and that nane be fund then drinkand in taveroun nor aill houssis; and that na mercheand, dreipar, flescheour, fischear, nor hukstar sell ony mercheandeis fische nor flesche; and that nane leadis be cariit on the Sabboth day. The transgressouris on the Sabboth to incur the panis contenit in the Act of Parliament, and on utheris dayis tyme of sermone to pay vj s. viij d. to the box of the puir, conforme to the auld actis of this citee, and also censsorit be ecclesiastical discipline.'[1] As these extracts show, attendance on week-day services and cessation from work at these times were also enjoined, and latterly they were rigidly enforced.[2] For the better observance of the Sabbath, masters were held reponsible for their servants and punished for their offences.[3] Among those dealt with for 'nocht keiping of the Sabboth day holy and nocht frequenting the sermonis,' was 'Alexis the Apoloniane.'[4] In April 1600, 'Bessie Miln comperit and being accusit confest hir braking of the Saboth day, and craved mercie of God, and the Sessioun forgivenes, and with hir awin consent salbe baneist this citie if she be fund in

[1] Pp. 807, 808. See also p. 778.

[2] The craftsmen were not at first inclined to acquiesce in the observance of preaching days, but afterwards became more amenable to the Session (pp. 847, 894, 895). At a later period, the cordiners enacted that those who absented themselves from God's service on a preaching day should pay two shillings; and ordained that, if one of their number should be again 'apprehendit to play at the bowlis or uthir gemmis' in time of sermon on such a day, he should pay forty shillings (p. 634, n.).

[3] Pp. 843, 873, 880, 932, 933.

[4] Pp. 731, 733.

the lyik fault.'[1] A year earlier the magistrates imprisoned five men—one of them a 'kard'—for three hours, 'for vagand in tyme of sermone on the Sabath day.' If they again transgressed in the same way, they were 'to be censurit and punished with all rigour.'[2] One result of these efforts, enactments, and punishments was the greatly increased attendance at public worship. In the summer of 1600—there being then no preaching in St. Leonard's—the huge parish church was so inconveniently crowded that a large section of the citizens had to be sent to St. Salvator's Church.[3]

As might have been expected, Black took a keen interest in Sabbath observance, and did much to enforce it. When asked 'to sett down in speciall the heidis and preceptis' which he desired to be observed in his congregation, he placed in the forefront,—'that ordour be takin for keiping of the Saboth day.' The other two were also characteristic of the man, 'that provisioun be maid for the puir,' and 'that the elderis wache and attend upon the maneris of the pepill.'[4] He not only punished those who drank at home in time of sermon; but also those who, to escape his premature Forbes Mackenzie Act, went to Leuchars and tippled there in preaching time.[5] According to James Melville, Black was 'mightie in doctrine' as well as of 'singular fidelitie and diligence in the ministerie.'[6] This estimate is borne out both by the *Register of the Kirk Session* and the *Register of the Presbytery*. The latter shows that he was an ardent reformer of abuses of every kind; and that his professional brethren were not overlooked. It was reported in a Synod held at Dysart that he had inveighed against ministers in his preaching, 'calling sum of them—Pyntaill ministeris, bellie-fallowis, sycophantis, gentillmenis ministeris, leideris of the pepill to Hell; and that a grait part of them war worthie to be hangit.' In his explanation to the Presbytery, he did not deny that he had used these forcible

[1] P. 923. [2] P. 887. [3] P. 925. [4] P. 725.
[5] P. 813. [6] P. 688, n.

expressions.[1] Instead of attempting to mince matters, he seems on all occasions to have called a spade a spade; and, for the alleged fault of having spoken too freely in October 1596, he was summoned before the Privy Council in the following month, and on the 2d of December was banished beyond the Tay. Next summer he was debarred from St. Andrews; and Wallace, who had spoken in defence of his colleague, was suspended from the ministry. Their places were soon occupied by George Glaidstanes—the future Archbishop of St. Andrews—and by David Lindsay.[2] Writing in reply to Archbishop Spottiswoode, who succeeded Glaidstanes in 1615, Calderwood says:—'This Black was a man worthy of being remembered by all, on account of the admirable character both of his life and his sound judgment. Selected as a suitable minister for the church of St. Andrews, he so administered the affairs of that distinguished charge that among so vast a multitude of people (there are in fact more than 3000 regular communicants) not a beggar was to be seen, no one dared to violate the Sabbath. But now while things are under the oversight of a bishop and his too numerous assistants, I, the writer of this, less than two years ago, have seen more amusing themselves on the ice at the time of sermon even on the Lord's day than were present at worship in both churches. On this day the Bishop himself enjoys his games, nor does he, if on a journey and while passing through any town at the time of evening service, condescend to alight from his carriage, he must hasten on to some tavern. About the beggars I know nothing definite, only I do know that the hospital,[3] which that illustrious man raised for the employment and education of the poor, now stands empty. The devil envying this ingathering has ruined

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[1] P. 815, n.

[2] See pp. 823-830 and notes.

[3] The first reference in the *Register* to the hospital is on the 2d of March 1596-7, that is, three months after Black was ordered to confine himself beyond the North Water, but that reference implies that it was already established.

in the blade this most delightsome crop.'[1] It must have been an exceptional occasion when Calderwood saw so many on the ice, for Alexander Henderson, of Leuchars, in preaching at St. Andrews, in 1638, said:—'Ever since I kent you, in this city, and while I was amongst you, I ever kent you to be diligent observers of the Lord's day.'[2] He had known them for well nigh forty years. More than a century later a very different man from Calderwood or Henderson bears emphatic but grudging testimony to the Sabbatical strictness of one of the parishioners.[3]

Some of the many kinds of offences of which the Session took cognisance may be briefly enumerated. Defamation, 'flyting,' ungodly speaking, filthy speeches, banning and swearing, blasphemy, 'extraordinar drinking,' 'drinking ontymouslie,' suspicious company-keeping, haunting evil company, mis-spending gear, night-walking, keeping open house 'in the silence of the nicht,' 'singing of bawdry songis, play at durris, dansing and ryning throw the town eftir supper,' 'tulzeing and ongodlie behaviour,' 'filthy handling,' wrestling and kissing on the causeway, troublesome to neighbours, playing at tables over night, cards and dice, striking, forcible abduction, fighting, bloodshed, slaughter, witchcraft. That offences of so many kinds came before the Session is not to be wondered at, seeing they did not wait until a *fama clamosa* was raised before they took action. Not only was it the duty of the elders and deacons to report transgressions, but special steps were taken to ferret out gross sins that they might be repressed. For example, in 1586, it was resolved 'that ane generall delatioun

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[1] *Epistolæ Philadelphi Vindiciæ* appended to *Altare Damascenum*, 1623, p. 65.

[2] Henderson's *Sermons, Prayers, and Pulpit Addresses*, p. 6.

[3] The Chevalier de Johnstone, in escaping from Culloden, passed through St. Andrews, and on presenting a letter from a relation to one of her tenants in the neighbourhood, he was petrified by the answer—'Mrs. Spence may take her farm from me, and give it to whom she pleases; but she cannot make me profane the Lord's day, by giving my horse to one who means to travel upon the Sabbath' (*Memoirs of the Rebellion*, 1822, p. 279).

be takin throch the haill town of the offendaris of Goddis law, and of all manifest transgressouris.'[1]

In Black's time a new plan was adopted for putting down banning and swearing. The magistrates and town council agreed that each elder and deacon should have power to fine all those who thus transgressed in their hearing. The penalty was limited to eight pence; and the members of Session, who had to provide themselves with purses for this service, were ordered at intervals to produce them.[2] In 1595 a somewhat peculiar case of banning was dealt with. A young woman granted that 'sche said to hir father, The devill tak yow away; and said to hir mother, The devill stik hir! and sche, being commandit be hir mother to do ane honest turn, ansuerit, The devill ane futt will I do it!' The decreet, like so many of the others, is distinguished by its strong common sense. 'The Session ordanit the father and mother, with thair dochter, all togidder upon Sonday nixttocum, to sitt on ane stuill befoir the pulpeit, and ask God and the congregatioun forgifnes; and, if thai tak nocht better ordour with thame selfis and thair barnis, to be banisit the boundis of this citee.'[3] A case may be quoted to show how suspicious conduct was dealt with in 1599. 'Elspot Andersoun and Robert Hammiltoun callit comperit, and being accusit she confest he com to hir in Mr. Johne Methvenis hous, undir scilence of nycht, and that hir maister fand hir in the said Robert his okstar undir his clok, and reprovit him. The said Robert denyit any injurie done be him, and na forder being verifeit, he wes ordinit to crave God mercie; and bayth war admonist nocht to committ the lyik heireftir; and if he be fund doand the contrar it salbe haldin as confest fornicatioun aganis thame.'[4] Verily, lovers had to behave circumspectly in those days! Some men were brought up for striking, or 'dinging,' their parents, and some for treating their wives in that fashion. In April 1594,

[1] P. 576.
[2] Pp. 821, 929, 942, 943.
[3] P. 798.
[4] P. 906.

a young man, convicted of assaulting his father, was 'ordanit to compeir in sek claith, beir heddit and beir futtit, upon the hichest degre of the penitent stuill, with ane hammer in the ane hand and ane stane in the uther hand, as tua instrumentis quhairwith he manassit his father, within ane papir writin in great letteris about his heid thir wordis:—BEHALD THE ON NATURALL SONE PUNISIT FOR PUTTING HAND IN HIS FATHER AND DISHONORING OF GOD IN HIM; and thaireftir to compeir in the middis of the kirk Sonday the xxj of Aprile, and ask God forgifnes his father and the haill pepill; and thaireftir, upon Mononday the xxij of Aprile instant, to stand fra ten houris quhill xij houris at none, cled and adornit as said is, in the jokis at the merkat croce; and thaireftir to be cartit throw the haill town, and be oppin proclamatioun the pepill to be advertisit and informit of his falt, and thaireftir brocht agane to the croce and his dittay red and publicit, with thir wordis of decrete:—If he evir offend aganis his father or mother heireftir, in word or deid, that member of his body quhairby he offendis salbe cuttit of from him, be it tung, hand or futt, without mercy, in exampill to utheris to abstein fra the lyke.' This was certainly a smart sentence, and doubtless deserved. The information is added that the 'haill decrete and ordinance, with the haill circumstancis forsaidis, wer all done with great solemnite as is befoir writin.'[1] Perhaps the worst case of fighting dealt with was that of two men—one of them a tailor—who had a 'set to' in the church on Sabbath in the time of preaching. They must have created a considerable sensation, and, as the *Register* has it, 'trublit the kirk.' They were 'ordinit to mak repentance in sek claith, bear futtit and bair heidit, thrie Sabath dayis in the porche dur, betuix the secund and thrid bell and thaireftir on the penitent stule.' They were remitted to the magistrates to be punished civilly.[2]

The references to witchcraft are exceedingly interest-

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[1] Pp. 785, 786. [2] P. 877.

ing. The first is to a notorious witch, Alison Peirson of Byrehills, who was consulted by Patrick Adamson in his illness, and who was finally condemned by the High Court of Justiciary in 1588. The entry in the *Register* shows that the attention of the Session was first directed to her by the ungrateful Archbishop in August 1583.[1] The next case was brought up in July 1588. Agnes Melville, whose father had been reader in Anstruther, was twice married, and having picked up some knowledge of herbs used them to cure several people who had 'evill stomokis.' All this and much more she confessed in her long examination before the Session. She knew nothing of the virtue of stones, but had recommended the sick to wash with south-running water, and had given instructions to 'cast furth the watter on the midding, for feitt watter suld nocht be cassin in ony bodeis gait.' Among other things she told how she met, at North Berwick, the old man—perhaps suspected to be the devil—who had given her much of her information. Nothing is said as to what was done with her, and she drops completely out of sight for more than seven years.[2] When she is mentioned again, it is in connection with the satisfaction enjoined to two widows for consulting with her to cure their husbands. The entry is brief; but it shows that five people were at one time decerned to make public humiliation for consulting; and it implies that Agnes Melville and other two witches had suffered the extreme penalty.[3] These are the only references to witchcraft; but there are others in the *Register of the Presbytery*. Several witches from Pittenweem were, in 1597, burned at St. Andrews. They were condemned by the King, when he was here thrusting Black and Wallace from their ministry. One reason given by the Presbytery for the appointment of a fast was 'the discoverie of the gryt empyre of the deivill in this countrey be witchecraft;' and ere the fast was at an end the same reverend court decided to petition the

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[1] P. 508 and n. [2] Pp. 620-623. [3] Pp. 799, 800.

King to repress 'the horrible abuse by carying a witch about' to detect others—a method they entirely disapproved of.[1] The Laird of Lathocker in 1598—while being himself dealt with for slaughter—consulted the Presbytery concerning Alison Peirce; and not long afterwards it was reported that he had taken Geillis Gray, a suspected witch, from the minister of Crail, carried her to Lathocker, and so tortured her that she was unable to work for her living![2]

Numerous as witches were in Scotland, they appear to have been much more plentiful in England. In preaching before Queen Elizabeth, Bishop Jewel exclaimed:—'It may please your Grace to understand that this kind of people (I mean witches and sorcerers) within these few last years are marvellously increased within this your Grace's realm. These eyes have seen most evident and manifest marks of their wickedness. Your Grace's subjects pine away even unto the death, their colour fadeth, their flesh rotteth, their speech is benumbed, their senses are bereft. Wherefore, your poor subjects' most humble petition unto your Highness is, that the laws touching such malefactors may be put in due execution. For the shoal of them is great, their doings horrible, their malice intolerable, the examples most miserable.'[3] Bancroft, when Bishop of London, ridiculed half-a-dozen ministers, and other good Christians, who believed that by their prayers a bewitched maiden had been released from the spell. Lewis Hughes, though sent to him by the Recorder with the wonderful tidings, says:—'I . . . could have no audience, and for my pains I was called Rascall and Varlot, and sent to the Gate-

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[1] P. 800, n.

[2] P. 882, n.—John Wemyss, a subsequent Laird of Lathocker, who was minister of Hutton from 1608 to 1613, and of Duns from 1613 until his death in 1636, holding latterly the second prebend of Durham in conjunction, wrote a *Treatise on the Magician*, which Principal Lee characterises as 'more curious than almost any other work of the kind' (*Lectures on the History of the Church of Scotland*, i. 323).

[3] Bishop Jewel's *Works*, Parker Soc. ii. 1028.

house, where he kept me foure moneths, and did set forth a book wherein he called me, and the rest of the ministers, that did joyn with me in that holy action, Devill finders, Devil puffers, and Devil prayers, and such as could start a devill in a lane, as soon as an hare in Waltham Forrest. All the rest, being men and women of good esteeme and credit, he called, a rout, rabble, and swarme of giddy, idle, lunatick, illuminate, holy spectators, of both sexes, and specially a sisternity of nimps, mops, and idle holy women, that did grace the devil with their idle holy presence.'[1] Bishop Hall bewailed their increase:—'How busy and prevalent Satan is in this present age, above all former times, appears . . . most clearly in the marvellous multitude of witches abounding in all parts. Heretofore, one of those clients of hell in a whole country was hooted at as a strange monster; now, hundreds are discovered in one shire; and, if fame deceive us not, in a village of fourteen houses, in the north parts, are found so many of this damned breed.'[2] Richard Baxter, too, bears witness to their numbers. 'If,' he says, 'any should doubt whether there be any such witches, who thus work by the power of the devil, or have any compact with him, he hath as good opportunity now to be easily resolved, as hath been known in most ages. Let him go but into Suffolk, or Essex, or Lancashire, etc., and he may quickly be informed. Sure it were strange, if in an age of so much knowledge and conscience, there should so many score of poor creatures be put to death as witches, if it were not clearly manifest that they were such. We have too many examples lately among us to leave any doubt of the truth of this.'[3] Principal Lee has conclusively shown that the penal laws against witchcraft did not originate in Scotland; and he firmly believed that the zeal of James the Sixth 'against witchcraft, like his attachment to Episcopacy, was assumed for the purpose of ingratiating him with the English nation, where a

[1] *Certain Grievances*, 1642, p. 20.
[2] Wynter's *Hall*, viii. 34, 35.
[3] *The Saints' Everlasting Rest*, 1662, p. 262.

passion for the wonderful has always been much stronger than in this more frigid climate.'[1] Common as this superstition was in South Britain, it was almost infinitely more so on the Continent.[2]

In estimating the efficacy and value of discipline it must be remembered that real reformation begins at the heart; and it cannot be supposed that all those who were ordained 'to make public repentance' were truly penitent.[3] The mere fact that some of them were 'driven' to repentance militates against

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[1] Lee's *Lectures*, i. 315-327.

[2] 'No sooner has Innocent [VIII.] placed his commission of fire and sword in the hands of Sprenger and his brethren, and a regular form of process for the trial of this offence been laid down in that unparalleled performance, the *Malleus Maleficarum*, which was intended as a theological and juridical commentary on the bull, than the race of witches seems at once to increase and multiply, till it replenishes the earth. The original edict of persecution was enforced by the successive bulls of the infamous Alexander VI. in 1494, . . . of Leo X. in 1521, and of Adrian VI. in 1522. Still the only effect of these commissions was to render the evil daily more formidable, till at last, if we are to believe the testimonies of contemporary historians, Europe was little better than a large suburb or outwork of Pandemonium. One-half of the population was either bewitching or bewitched. Delrio tells us in his preface that 500 witches were executed in Geneva, in three months, about the year 1515. A thousand, says Bartholomæus de Spina, were executed in one year in the diocese of Como, and they went on burning at the rate of a hundred per annum for some time after. In Lorraine, from 1580 to 1595, Remigius boasts of having burnt 900. In France the multitude of executions, about 1520, is incredible. . . . In Germany, to which indeed the bull of Innocent bore particular reference, this plague raged to a degree almost inconceivable' (*Foreign Quarterly Review*, vi. 7, 8). See also Sir Walter Scott's *Demonology and Witchcraft*, letter vii.

[3] In a manuscript volume of sermons on Hebrews xi., preached in Edinburgh in or about 1590, and now belonging to my friend, the Rev. John Sturrock, of the Original Secession Church, the following passage occurs :—'This condemneth all the penitentis of our age, all the feined repentances that are drawin out of yow be force of argument and reasoun, and ar not wroucht be the Holie Spirit. That repentance may weill satisfie a visible kirk and put aff for a tyme, bot it will nevir satisfie the pearceing eye of a living God, quho luikis the hairt and mynd, and is not content with a schadow, bot cravis ane unfained remors, weiping and tearis. Theirfoir they that repent fainedlie, out of questioun they aggredge thair awin dampnatioun : ffor they cum not to glorifie God, bot to mok him in his face, and so they repoirt a hevier judgement. Ather theirfoir repent trewlie fra your hairtis, or hold away your confessioun. The thing that ye do, do in sinceritie, that as ye ar humbled outwardlie in your bodie, so your saull may be humbled inwardlie befoir the living God. Ye may weill beguyll us, bot ye will not beguyll the living God' (fol. 26, b.).

that. No church discipline can purify men, working in them the power of godliness, for that is the work of God by His Word and Spirit; but it cannot be denied that the faithful exercise of discipline acted as a powerful curb upon irreligion and vice. The amazing reformation of manners effected in St. Andrews during Black's too brief ministry is a striking illustration of the repression of outward wrong-doing at least. The result cannot be altogether attributed to ecclesiastical discipline. His vivid denunciations of God's wrath against sin, and his powerful gospel-preaching, must not be overlooked; and the severe civil penalties inflicted on offenders were not without effect. Those who did not learn to love righteousness were taught to dread the punishment of sin; and the shame of public appearance was designed to deter the innocent, as well as to express the grief of the guilty. It was thus that a healthy public opinion was formed and strengthened, in an age when virtue was lightly esteemed. In discipline much of course depended on the strictness, impartiality, and spirit with which it was exercised. If at any time the Session were satisfied with a mere formal appearance on the penitent stool, little good could be expected to result; but it is evident enough that they were anxious that offenders might be touched with a feeling of their sins, and means were adopted to secure this end. In 1598 David Lentren, 'being fund nocht verie penitent for his sin,' was enjoined 'to keip the catechising for his better instruction.'[1] In 1594, it was 'statut and concludit be the Sessioun that all personis quhatsumevir, quha salbe appointit be the Sessioun heireftir to mak publict humiliatioun, sall cum to the kirk at ilk tyme of the exerceis of the Catichisme, during the tyme appointit to thame of humiliatioun, to learne the doctrine of trew repentance, befoir thai cum to the stuill of publict humiliatioun, that, quhen thai cum to the stuill, thai

[1] P. 876.

may ansuer to sic heidis of repentance, as the minister sall propone to thame, befoir thai be ressavit.'[1] From an entry in 1599, it is learned that obstinate sinners were so far from being afraid to answer questions in the church, that some of them, in making repentance 'befoir the pulpeit,' uttered 'proud and querelling speiches, testifying thairby the pryid of thair hartis and the litill regaird of God and disciplene.' These, it was resolved, should be 'repellit for that tyme, and put and keipit in pressoun, till thai find cautioun to satisfie on the penitent stule of repentance the nixt Saboth following.'[2] Perhaps no act made by the Session is more significant of the times than that forbidding accused persons to bring guns or swords with them to the Session, and prohibiting penitents from carrying these weapons to the stool of repentance![3] That a keen interest was taken in the proceedings of the Session is proved by the injunction to the beadle to keep hearkeners from the door and windows of the Session-house.[4] And that the Session had some regard to public opinion is shown by the fact that the reason why an offender was not subjected to public humiliation was intimated to the people.[5] The occasional remitting of an offender for a short time, until a voyage was made or the harvest gathered in,[6] proves that the Session were not unreasonable, and were willing to adapt their rules to the circumstances of their people.

In the olden times the Prelatical party usually twitted their Presbyterian brethren with being too strait-laced and severe in discipline, the common retort being that their accusers were lax and partial. An Act was made in 1612, in the Synod of Clydesdale, under Spottiswoode, then Archbishop of Glasgow, 'for observing ane conform order in discipline.' The thirty-three rules laid down were to be precisely kept by ministers in their sessions, and by moderators in presbyteries, against every delinquent or slanderous offender. They provide for the

[1] P. 788. [2] P. 910. [3] P. 806.
[4] P. 652. [5] P. 915. [6] Pp. 558, 901.

punishment of those who refused to give confession of their faith—blasphemers—Sabbath-breakers—wilful absentees from kirk, examination, or communion—refusers of reconciliation—abusers of parents—murderers—adulterers—incestuous persons—fornicators—slanderers—drunkards—night-walkers—haunters of suspected places, etc. Most of these rules have pecuniary penalties attached as well as the making of repentance; and some of them are fortified by corporal punishment, imprisonment, and the jougs. They are certainly severe enough, the chief difference from those in this *Register* being that the penalties are all apparently enjoined by ecclesiastical authority.[1] In the Acts of a Diocesan Synod, held by Archbishop Sharp, it is provided:—'that, for the lifting of the customary mulcts from persons convict of scandal, the minister and Session within burgh may interpose with the magistrates that they may exact the fines according to law, and deliver them to the Session, to be employed for the use of the poor; and that for the landward, the former way used by parishes may be continued; and if they find it not effectual, that the minister and Session may make their address to the Lords of his Majesty's Council, that they may be pleased to grant a commission to some persons in the parish for uplifting their fines, to be employed to the use of the poor and pious works.'[2] A somewhat superficial examination of the *Register of the Kirk Session of St. Andrews* during Sharp's primacy leads one to suppose that the modes of discipline were very much the same then as they had been a century earlier. Andrew Honeyman, who was promoted to the see of Orkney in 1664, had, as one of the ministers of St. Andrews, frequently presided in the Session, both in Presbyterian and Prelatic times, and he was not disposed to admit that discipline was administered more slackly in the latter.[3] In England, too, 'the registers abound with examples of the severity with which the Church in former

[1] Gordon's *Scotichronicon*, i. 403-406.
[2] *Archæologia Scotica*, ii. 210.
[3] *Survey of Naphtali*, part ii. p. 175.

times maintained its authority by compelling notorious delinquents to do public penance, and by excommunicating offenders against ecclesiastical discipline.'[1] So late as 1797 the parish church of St. Mary, Lambeth, was so crowded that several hundreds of persons could not get admission, because a publican was to 'do penance in a white sheet' for calling 'the domestic female of a neighbouring baker by an improper name.'[2] And less than half a century ago, it was the custom at a missionary station of the Church of England near Calcutta, in the 'case of notorious and flagrant crimes, to suspend from communion, and to make the delinquents stand in a conspicuous place during the whole of the service.'[3]

As in the period covered by the previous part of the *Register*, so in the period covered by this, much of the time of the Session was taken up with other matters than the punishment of offenders. Fresh regulations were made concerning the proclamation of banns and celebration of marriage, and to one at least of these a penalty was added in 1594. After that date, persons presenting themselves to be contracted were not only to be refused, if unable to repeat the Lord's Prayer, Creed, and Commandments, but were to be fined forty shillings for their ignorance.[4] Marriages were to be celebrated on Fridays as well as on Sabbaths and Wednesdays;[5] pledges were to be consigned by those contracted;[6] and claims of adherence were still dealt with.

The care of the poor was one of the chief duties of the Session. Funds for their support were raised in various ways. Nearly all the penalties of transgressors were appropriated to this end, voluntary alms were collected for them, compulsory contributions were levied in their favour, notaries in making wills were to remind clients of their claims, the possessors of

[1] R. E. C. Waters' *Parish Registers in England*, 1887, p. 76.

[2] *Notes and Queries*, seventh series, ix. 386.

[3] *London Missionary Register* for March 1841, cited by Lorimer in his *Eldership of the Church of Scotland*, 1841, p. 117, n.

[4] P. 794. [5] P. 830. [6] Pp. 811, 863, 939.

altarages were asked to demit them in their favour, vow-silver dropped in for their behoof, the hospital was provided for them, and their medical attendance was paid for. All this was done most systematically—a roll being kept, a special box for their money being made, collectors and treasurers regularly appointed, and rules enacted for the using of their 'broddis.' Their souls as well as their bodies were attended to. Latterly they were catechised in the hospital each Sabbath, and attended prayers in the parish church each Monday. In connection with the poor much discrimination was shown; all and sundry were not put on the roll;[1] and citizens were forbidden to let their houses to poor beggars or strangers, without licence of the magistrates. In October 1597, it was concluded 'that, quhen ony puir body cryis for almous at ony part of this citee, thai be takin and apprehendit be Thomas Wilson, and puit in the thevis hoill, quhill triall be takin of thair esteat.'[2] Eighteen months later, begging at the 'yettis or durris of the inhabitantis' was also forbidden.[3] At the same time, alms-giving at funerals was prohibited, the mourning relatives being directed to give the money to the treasurer, that it might be distributed at the sight of the elders and deacons to the poor with the rest of their alms. On the 19th of June 1583, the seventeenth anniversary of the King's birthday, his Majesty being then in St. Andrews, seventeen poor men were selected as the recipients of a blue gown and a purse containing seventeen shillings. In return they were to pray daily for his Highness, and to attend the prayers and preaching in the parish church, each clad in his blue gown.[4]

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[1] In 1570, it was ordained that only those poor should receive alms who attended sermons, prayers, examination and communion, who gave account of their faith, and who could either say the Lord's Prayer, Creed, and Commandments, or would learn them within a month. (Pp. 340, 341.)

[2] P. 835. [3] P. 883.

[4] Pp. 503, 504.—As the recipients were chosen yearly in whatever town the king happened to be on the anniversary of his birth, none of these St. Andrews men would probably ever get another purse or gown at his Majesty's expense.

Special attention was paid to the sick. At the censuring of the elders, in May 1596, Wallace was desired to be 'mair diligent . . . in visiting of the seik';[1] and in the same month it was 'statut that ilk persone within this congregatione, howsone that ony persoine be seik within ony familie, sall adverteis the elderis of the quarter of the persone seik within xxiiij houris, that the ministeris may be adverteisit to cum and confort thame with holy admonitioun, and that under paine of publict humiliatione; and if the elder be advertesit and signefeis nocht the samyn to the minister, he sall also mak publict humiliatione; and this to be also under pane of ten s., to be upliftit upon ilk persone transgresand; and this to be publicit Sonday nixttocum.'[2] From an entry in 1598, it may perhaps be inferred that at that time the members of Session visited the sick in weekly rotation;[3] and in 1599, one of the reasons given for dividing the town into nineteen quarters was the better visiting of the sick.[4]

The burial of the dead was also under the charge of the Session. In 1587 the landward parishioners were summoned, *inter alia*, 'that thai micht help and support to the clengeing of the buriall';[5] in 1588 the Dean of Guild, 'at the ernest suit of the Sessioun, promist to caus mak ane bier to burie the deid';[6] and in 1591, the beadle and his man were taken to task for burying an illegitimate child 'under silence of nycht, the majestratis nocht being advertisit.'[7] Among the Acts ratified anew in 1595 there is the following:—'For convoying of the deid to buriall, alsueill puir as riche, it is statut that all inhabitantis of this cite, specialie in that quarter quhair the persoun is departit, thai, with the elderis and deaconis of that quarter, with thair wyffis, convoy the deid to buriall, under pane of vj d., to be upliftit of ilk persoun disobeyand; and that nane be buriit bot betuix the son rysing and down passing thairof; and that nane be buriit nather tyme of sermone nor

[1] P. 816. [2] Pp. 817, 818. [3] P. 874. [4] P. 904.
[5] P. 597. [6] P. 617. [7] P. 719.

dennar.'[1] Another of the Acts ratified at that time shows that some of the citizens had no respect for the burying-ground. It runs thus:—'It is statut that nane presume to flaik dicht dry nor pak woll nor lint, saw treis, dicht malt corne, pak nor dry skynnis, in the kirk yaird, nor fyle the samyn, nor do ony uther labour nor handling thairin heireftir, and that nane bring thair doggis to the kirk, under the pane of viij s., to be upliftit of ilk transgressour, sa oft as thai failye, to the box of the puir. And that every maister of hous, maister of scole and baikhoussis, tak diligent cuir of thair barnis and familie, that thai transgres nocht in the premissis; and that nane play in the kirk yaird nor cast stanis upon the sklatis under the pane foirsaid.'[2] It was laid down in 1589 as one of the duties of the session-officer, 'that unkowth and strong beggaris be keipit furth of the kirk yaird, and als all barnis fra playing thairin tyme of sermone and prayaris, as at all uther tymes fra breking of the wyndowis and casting on the sklaits.'[3]

There are many interesting references to the administration of baptism in this part of the *Register*. Children were not to be brought indiscriminately to the church for this sacrament, but the father of the child, or in his absence a faithful neighbour, was to inform the reader and two members of Session on the previous evening, lest any illegitimate child should be inadvertently baptized;[4] and again, the reader was instructed 'to pas and tak suir triall of sic barnis that ar to be baptizit, and quha ar the barnis parentis, and quhidder thai be laidfull or nocht, and quhidder thai haif maid satisfaction or nocht that ar adulterous or fornicatouris parentis, that the barnis of sic be nocht baptizit without repentance preceid.'[5] 'For eschewing of misordour and tumult, and satling of the abuse enterit in the ower great number of witnes or gossopis,' it was concluded that the witnesses asked by the parents should sit in

[1] P. 810. [2] Pp. 808, 809. [3] P. 652.
[4] P. 521.—Thirteen years after this was enacted, it was ordained that the parents should 'advertes the minister the nicht befoir' (p. 837). [5] P. 537.

their own seats, 'and nane to stand up, tyme of baptisme, bot the parent and father of the barne haldand up his awin barne him selfe onlie, except tua or thre witnes at the maist.'[1] It was afterwards enacted that any one desiring baptism for his child should bring the elder or deacon of his quarter 'to testifie that the parentis of the said barne frequentis the hering of the Word, and in thair famileis thair is na suering nor banning.'[2] Though people had occasionally to be dealt with for neglecting to get their children baptized, and one man had to make public humiliation in sackcloth, 'with ane papir about his heid, bering his falt writin thairin,' for allowing his child fourteen weeks old to die unbaptized,[3] yet very many fornicators, and even adulterers, were extremely anxious that their progeny should receive this ordinance. Indeed, this desire to secure baptism for their children often brought offenders under the notice and power of the Session. No one was allowed to dispense the sacraments, in any case, unless duly authorised; but John Downy, one of the roughest men in St. Andrews, in passing through Strathkinness, took pity on an adulteress who could not get her child baptized, and performed the ceremony in presence of her neighbours. As may be readily imagined, the punishment meted out to him was none of the slightest.[4] In 1587, 'conperit ane puir barn, born be umquhill Margret Moncur, incertane quha is his father, and maist humlie on his kneyis rehersit the Lordis Prayar and the Beleif, and desyrit the Session for Goddis saik to grant him baptisme.' It need hardly be said that the Session complied with this request.[5]

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[1] P. 533. [2] P. 778. [3] P. 792.

[4] Pp. 563, 567-570, 572.—It was alleged that Andrew, Earl of Rothes, was the father of the child in question, and it was named Alexander. Usually, it is stated that Alexander Leslie, the covenanting general, was the lawful son of Captain George Leslie of Balgonie; but it has been asserted that he was a natural son of a Banffshire laird (Spalding's *Memorials*, Spald. Club, i. 130); and Rawson Gardiner avers that he was 'an illegitimate son of a Fifeshire laird' (*Fall of the Monarchy of Charles First*, i. 195). Perhaps some one may yet be able to identify him with the child baptized by John Downy.

[5] Pp. 592, 593.

In 1584 it was resolved that a register of baptisms should be kept;[1] and in 1600 it was ordained that intimation be made 'that these quha hes bairnis to be baptizit heireftir sall nocht only cum to the minister quha sould baptize thame, bot also to Mr. Robert Zule, quha hes the *Register of the Baptizme*, that he may have the parentis names, and that he gif ane tiquot thairof to the minister, that thai may be callit befoir baptizme, and nane uthirwayis to be resavit.'[2]

The previous part of the *Register* contains the earliest known reference to the use of communion tickets or tokens in the Reformed Church of Scotland;[3] and in this part there are suggestive references both to tickets and tokens. In May 1590 it is stated that 'Patrik Gutherie, at command of the Sessioun, hes maid the ironis for streking of the takynnis to the communioun, and hes ressavit fra the Sessioun for his panis xl s.'[4] Next July the Session 'payit to Patrik Gutherie, for twa thowsand taiknis to the communion, ten merkis.'[5] These *tokens* were undoubtedly made of metal, but it is perfectly certain that the *tickets* were not always metallic. In 1596 it was enacted 'that na persone heireftir sall wreit tikkitis to the communioun . . . bot sic as the Sessioun sall ordane to that effect';[6] and, in 1600, it was 'thocht expedient anent the geving of tiquotis to the communion, to be celebrat the tua nixt Saboth dayis, that everie tiquot [bear] the personis name, the examinatouris name, with ane mark thairon to designe the first Sondayis tiquotis fra the secund.'[7] In 1583, one man had produced 'ane fangyeit tikket,' at the Lord's Table; and another had presented himself with 'his maisteris tikket.'[8] Although wilful refusers to communicate were liable to excommunication,[9] it must not be supposed that all were allowed to

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[1] Pp. 530, 531. [2] Pp. 936, 937. [3] P. 34, and n.

[4] P. 672.—Patrick Gutherie, who was a goldsmith, was deacon of the hammermen both before and after 1590 (*Bouk of the Hammermen of Sanctandrous*, MS.).

[5] P. 677. [6] P. 818. [7] P. 920. [8] P. 505. [9] Pp. 860, 884.

partake of the Lord's Supper. It is expressly stated, 'that na persoun be admittit to the communioun, but sic as confessis the treuth with us, and substractis nocht thame selfis frome precheing and catichising; and that can say the Lord his Prayer and Ten Commandimentis, and that can ansour to the questionis of the *Litill Catichisme*; and thai be xvj yeiris of aige.'[1] All the people were still rigidly examined before each celebration of the communion. Special examiners were appointed for the four quarters in June 1584, April 1585, March 1587, March 1587-8, July 1588 and April 1589,[2] and on other five occasions the examinations are mentioned although the examiners are not.[3] These examinations usually began two or three weeks before the dispensation of the sacrament; but in the summer of 1600 six weeks were allowed, and although the work was 'to continew morning and evening the haill ouk dayis except in tyme of preaching,' it was necessary to delay the celebration for another week—'the landwart pepill nocht being yit examinat be thame, nor thair names tane up in roll, nather is the pepill of this citie all examinat nor utherwayis prepared as thai aucht to be.'[4] Thrice it was intimated that those who failed to pay their contribution to the poor would not be admitted to the communion; and on one of these occasions the people were informed that those, who were 'debarrit thairfra for laufull caussis,' would be 'punished accordingly.'[5] From July 1584 to May 1590 the Lord's Supper was dispensed yearly to the town's people; and to the landward parishioners in August 1583, August 1587, August 1588, June or July 1589, and July 1590. Commissioners from the town complained of their minister to the Presbytery, in September 1591, 'for the not ministratioun of the sacramentis.' Black replied 'that he acceptit not the ministrie *simpliciter* on him, but in houp that sic a portioun suld be allotit to him of the parochin as he mycht be abill to deal with in conscience, in administra-

[1] Pp. 809, 810. [2] Pp. 530, 556, 587, 615, 620, 637.
[3] Pp. 561, 598, 643, 841, 926. [4] Pp. 926, 930. [5] Pp. 845, 884, 906.

tioun of the Word and sacramentis and exercis of disciplin'; and, as they would not do this, desired them 'to provyd for a minister or ma to serve ther turn.'[1] The citizens had to wait until the 24th of March 1593-4 before the Lord's Supper was administered to them. This is the only occasion during Black's incumbency that the celebration of the ordinance is directly recorded; but from a reference in May 1595 it may be inferred that it had been dispensed shortly before;[2] and in April 1596 the 'ordour anent the communioun' is set down, implying that it was to be celebrated almost immediately.[3] The privilege was twice enjoyed by the citizens in 1597, namely, in October and December;[4] and likewise in July 1598.[5] In November 1597 the landward parishioners desired 'that thai may haif the communioun ministrated to thame and thair famileis and tenentis, being fund habill eftir triall, and the rest of the benefits of the kirk;' and declared 'that thai haif nocht gottin the communioun thir sex yeiris bigane.'[6] It was dispensed to them accordingly in August 1598.[7] In the spring of 1599 it was celebrated on two successive Sabbaths; and in 1600 on the last two Sabbaths of February, and the first two of August.[8] It had been customary to have two celebrations of the ordinance on the same day. On the 24th of March 1593-4, it was ordained to be 'baith in the morning and at ten houris, that the samyn, as use is of befoir, may be done in cumlie ordour.'[9] In July 1598 the preaching was to begin at five o'clock in the morning, and, as only those who were present at the beginning were then to communicate, the doors were to be locked 'at the ending of the Psalme;' while for the celebration in the forenoon the preaching was to begin at nine o'clock.[10] It was probably to supersede this double celebration on the same day,

[1] P. 725, n. [2] P. 797. [3] P. 815.
[4] Pp. 833, 841. [5] P. 862. [6] P. 842.
[7] P. 860. [8] Pp. 884, 920, 930. [9] P. 781.
[10] P. 862.—'The Scotch rule was never to administer the sacraments without the preaching of the Word' (Walker's *Theology and Theologians of Scotland*, 1888, p. 200).

that in 1599 and 1600 it was spread over two successive Sabbaths. In these latter years special steps were taken to remove 'all eilestis and feidis' for the better preparation of the people; and fasts were also held—held, indeed, on the communion Sabbaths.[1] Sacramental fasts were not a novelty in St. Andrews. They had been observed during Robert Hamilton's ministry.[2] There are references also to preparation services on the Saturday afternoon preceding the communion.[3]

Some of the duties imposed on the session-officer throw a curious light on the past. On the 2d of January 1582-3, he was commanded 'to lett na person enter in the presson hous to the pressonaris, to beir cumpanie with thame in extraordinar drinking and wantownes; nor to lett na sustentatioun cum in the presson hous bot sic as aggreis with the Act of Parliament; and that the dur be closit fast at sex houris at evin nichtlie, and nocht opnit quhill the morn at day lycht; and this command to stand in all tymes cuming, as he will ansuer upon the executioun of his office.'[4] In October 1589, ten precepts were drawn up, which he was to observe under pain of deprivation: —'In the first, that he nor his man nather ask nor craif money fra na persoun that hes thair barnis baptizit, nor that ar contractit in mariage, onles it be gevin frelie and na forder. Secundlie, that the knok be kepit in gude ordour.[5] Thridlie, that the bell ring ilk day, Sonday and uther dayis, at fyve houris in the morning, and at fyve houris at evin to prayaris, and at aucht houris at evin, ane quarter of ane hour, and that the last bell to sermone or prayaris ring continewalie quhill

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[1] Pp. 861-863, 884.

[2] Pp. 371, 393.—See also *Maitland Miscellany*, i. 115.

[3] Pp. 862, 884. [4] P. 495.

[5] The clock was one that struck the hours (p. 805); but the old mode of measuring time prevailed. Professor Welwood walked to his class with a book in the one hand and a sand-glass in the other (p. 819, n.); and the Presbytery imposed a penalty of six shillings and eightpence on each long-winded brother, 'quha passis the glas in the explicatioun of his theses' (p. 913, n.).

the minister or redar be in the pulpeit and begyn the prayar. fferdlie, that he or his man be continewalie, tyme of sermone and prayaris, in the kirk, to attend that barnis and utheris vagaboundis mak na hender to the hering of the Word. Fyftlie, that the hand bell pas nocht throch the town tyme of sermone nor prayaris . . . Auchtlie, that the kirk fluir be watterit, and the pulpeit and daskis in the kirk be sowpit and haldin clein. Nyntlie, that he cum ilk Twysday to the scribe of the Sessioun, and ressaif his direction quhom he suld warn to the consalhous. Tentlie, that he remane at na tyme in consall, bot to depart quhen he hes gevin his ansuer; and that the towall and the bassin be sett on the pulpet at the secund bell to sermon.'[1] Despite the rigour of the Session, the officer, influenced maybe by that familiarity which breeds contempt, was not always so deferential and compliant as was desired. 'For his ungodlie and unreverend behaveour and spiches in Sessioun,' he had to sit in sackcloth before the pulpit, and there crave forgiveness.[2] Again, he and his assistant were 'decernit to mak publict humiliatione, for drinking in the brousteris' on a Wednesday in time of sermon.[3]

Sometimes the members of Session themselves acted indecorously. One deacon was struck off for non-attendance, disobedience to the magistrates, and for being 'ane evill payer of his dettis;'[4] another was declared incapable of office for the ensuing year for speaking against the magistrates;[5] and, worst of all, an aged elder had to be deposed for adultery.[6] The most common failing of the members was apparently their irregular attendance at the meetings of Session; and in December 1599—almost at the close of the volume—the reason leaks out. 'The bretheren undirstanding perfytlie that divers personis of thair number the tyme of sessioun passis to the feildis, to the goufe and uthir exercise, and hes no regard for keiping of the Sessioun conform to the actis maid thairanent,

[1] Pp. 651, 652. [2] P. 796. [3] P. 818.
[4] P. 822. [5] P. 870. [6] P. 866.

for remeid quhairof it is ordinit that quhatsumevir person or personis of the Session that heireftir beis fund playand, or passis to play, at the goufe or uthir pastymes the tyme of Sessioun, sall pay ten s. for the first fault, for the secund fault xx s., for the thrid fault publik repentance, and for the fourt fault deprivation fra thair offices; and this to be payit to the clerk, without prejudice of the formar actis maid for keiping of the Sessioun.'[1] It would have been interesting to know whether this act was passed by a stern minority, whose patience had been exhausted, or whether it was suggested by the lighter-hearted members in a penitent mood. At all events it is enough to prove that our Presbyterian fathers were not the gloomy and fanatical bigots which they are occasionally represented to have been. And this *Register* shows that they only objected to their people playing at golf or football, or casting the hammer, when such games were indulged in on Sabbath, or in the time of preaching on week-days; but playing at cards and dice they uncompromisingly opposed. An excellent opportunity was given to the members of Session to find fault with one another, had they been so disposed, at the privy-censuring. The process was gone through both in May and October, 1596, and also in March 1598-9. The first of these is the fullest and most interesting. They began with their ministers. Black having been removed, nothing was objected against him, but 'all the brethrein praisis God of him, and that he may contenew in his feir.' Wallace being next removed, they also thanked God for him, but expressed the wish that he might be 'mair diligent and cairfull over the maneris of the people, and in visiting of the seik.' Zule being removed, no fault was found with his life, doctrine, or conversation, but he was to be 'admonisit of multiplicatione of wordis in his doctrine, and that his nottis be in few wordis, that the people may be mair edifiit.' Andrew Melville being removed, there was 'na thing

[1] P. 913.

opponit aganis him, bot the haill brethrein thankis God for him.' For none of the remaining thirty members were thanks given, but against twenty-four of them there was 'na thing opponit.' Faults of various kinds were laid to the charge of the others. One paid nothing to the contribution for the poor. Another had been in company with those who broke up the tolbooth door, and elected the Town Council in time of sermon; and there were doubts as to some things he had done while in the King's service. A third was on bad terms with his father, a fourth was charged with going to the Synod without command of the Session, and a fifth was admonished to 'mend his rasche speking in the Sessioun,' which he promised to do. The clerk was told 'to be mair diligent in noting the penalties and faltis in the kirk.'[1]

As mentioned in the Preface to the former part, the yearly election of the Session was kept up here until 1600. There are indications that in some parts of the country it was practised to a much later period, lingering even to 1705.[2] To the close of this volume deacons were still counted members of Session, and did work, some of which would now be considered to belong exclusively to the elders, and some of which even they would now decline. They assisted at the Lord's Supper and made up the roll of communicants.[3] Of the nine appointed in 1596 'to serve the taball with bred and wyne,' eight were deacons, only one was an elder.[4] The deacons as well as the elders were to 'tak tryall of all faultis and enormiteis' within

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[1] Pp. 815-817.

[2] *Acts of the General Assembly*, Church Law Society ed., p. 342.—In the Dutch Reformed Church, 'the *Kerkenraden* (Consistories or Kirk-Sessions) are composed of the minister or ministers, in actual service, and the elders and deacons of each congregation. In small communities, deacons have a voice in all the business of the Kirk-Session, but in large consistories they have a separate chamber, where are exclusively discussed all matters relating to the poor. Both the elders and the deacons remain in office for two years; and should their services be again solicited, which frequently happens, re-ordination takes place' (Steven's *Scottish Church in Rotterdam*, p. 383).

[3] Pp. 884, 926, 932.

[4] P. 819.

their own quarters, and acquaint the minister; and were also with the elders to 'tak triall of sic personis as ar seik, of strang and vagabound idill personis and beggaris, and of wemen that keipis houssis be thame selfis, nocht wedowis and on mariit,' and report to the Session weekly.[1] They likewise with the elders received power from the Town Council to fine those who were guilty of banning or swearing in their hearing, with authority to poind for the penalty, and to incarcerate the disobedient.[2]

In 1595 it was 'statut and concludit be the Sessioun that nane sall remane with us in Sessioun, nather at voting nor yit in cumpanie, bot sic as ar allowit of the maisteris of the collegis, and ar sworn with us nocht to reveill ony thing intreatit in this Sessioun.'[3] But in 1597 the newly elected elders and deacons, in ratifying the acts and statutes, excepted 'that act concernyng the maisteris of the college nocht to haif voit in Sessioun.'[4] This was the first election after the places of Black and Wallace had been supplied by Glaidstanes and Lindsay; and, contrary to the former custom, there was not a single member of the University chosen. The matter was brought indirectly before the Presbytery by Andrew Melville in May 1602; and it was then agreed that the old custom should be again followed.[5] It will be found that previous to

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[1] Pp. 805, 806.

[2] P. 821.

[3] P. 806.

[4] P. 831.

[5] 'Maii 6, [1602] . . . The Provest of the New College regratit to the Presbyterie that, he being haldin in his chalmer be the Lordis visitatioun, Mr. George Glaidstanis cryit out publictlie against the Universitie as sic quha wald exeme them self be discipline, he having no occasioun except that, laitlie befoir, the Universitie maid intimatioun to the Sessioun of thair privilege. Mr. George ansuerit he wes offendit at the said intimatioun, and sett him self against it, and if he haid nocht just caus reportit him to the jugement of the Presbyterie. Therfoir ordanis the said intimatioun to be producit' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). 'Maii 13 . . . The intimatioun of the Universitie produceit, the discussing quhairof differrit to a fuller Presbyterie' (*Ibid.*). 'Maii 20 . . . The Presbyterie, having deiplie considerit the intimatioun of the Universiteis privilege maid to the Sessioun of St. Androis, hes found the caus thairof to haif bene becaus the said Sessioun hes none of the memberis of the Universitie thair-

1597, men like Andrew Melville, James Wilkie, John Johnston, William Welwod, and James Martine, had been regularly elected.

During the period covered by this part of the *Register*, Patrick Adamson came little in contact with the Session; but when the 'Black Acts' were passed in 1584, they feared that they would not be allowed to meet. The Archbishop, however, assured them that neither King nor Parliament wished 'to inhibeit the convening of the elderis and deaconis of ony congregatioun within this realme, . . . bot onlie to inhibeit the new erectit Prisbittreis.' The Session, at his urgent request, agreed to meet 'as thai haif in tymes bygane'; but they took the precaution to obtain his signature to the minute.[1] By one of these obnoxious Acts, Adamson, with the bishops and certain commissioners to be appointed, were empowered to 'put ordour to all materis and caussis ecclesiasticall within thair dioceissis';[2] and that no doubt was the reason why, two months afterwards, the minister proposed to the Session whether they should 'follow furth the auld ordour observit in this sait sen reformatioun in religioun, in punising of transgressouris, and inobedient personis to the voice of the kirk, or to remit the offendaris to the Bishope to be punisit.' By plurality of votes it was decided 'that the Sessioun keip thair auld accustomit use, quhill forder order be takin be the Kingis Majestie and his Gracis Esteatis.'[3] Adamson and the Session were not always on good terms. In December 1586 he gave them mortal offence, by alleging in a sermon that some within the town had said that the flock of St. Andrews were goats! There is no reference to the dispute in this *Register*, but in that of the Presbytery it is so fully set forth that an abridgement of it must suffice here. On the 29th of December the

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upoun, as it wes wonte to have, quha wer judges of ther scholeris; and thairfoir recommendis the redres of that mater to the ministeris of St. Androis, quha promeist at the nixt electioun to nominat of the Universite to that effect' (*Ibid.*).

[1] Pp. 529, 530. [2] P. 530 n. [3] Pp. 535, 536.

Presbytery ordained 'Mr. Patrik Adamsone, *alias* Constine, to be summoned to compeir the nixt Fuirsday to answer and giff in his reassonis and causis quhy he altered his ordiner text of preaching upone Sonday befoir none, the xxv of December; and to giff his warrand and author for that, that he called the flock of Sanctandrous gaittis, as he alledgit was reportit to him to have bene spoking be some within the sayd towine.' On the 5th of January he appeared before the Presbytery and acknowledged that 'he altered his text, and in his teaching alledgit that sowme within the said towine hed[1] called the said flock gaittis.' He affirmed that in altering his text 'he meaned na superstitione,'[2] and that 'he teachit that day of the nativitie to schew him selve to be disagreand and dissasenting fra the Neoteriks that hes wretting of the birthe of Christ, quhome Mr. Androw Melvine followis.' Four commissioners were present desiring that the matter might be handed over to the Session, 'in respect the said Cessione is ordiner judge to all the congregatione of the said towne, and the said Mr. Patrik, being ane of the said congregatione, the said commissioneris desyrit that' he 'might be tried befoir the said Cessione at the first instance.' The Session had evidently perfect confidence in their own authority and ability to try the Archbishop; and the Presbytery called neither in question, simply answering that they could not remit the trial because they had already entered into the process, but desired some of the Session to be present. Besides the commissioners for the Session, James Wilkie also appeared in name of the rest of the congregation, and 'cravit maist earnestlie that the said Mr. Patrik suld find and declar the author of these wordes' he 'spak in pulpit,' calling 'the flock of Sanctandrous gaitts,' otherwise 'they wald hald the said Mr. Patrik authour, inventour, forger and

[1] *He* in MS.

[2] Although Spottiswoode caused a tailor to be punished for working on Christmas day in 1620 (pp. xlviii. xlix.), he acknowledged to James Cathkin, in June 1619, that he had made 'great scruple of holy dayes,' and was 'not well resolved yet' (*Bannatyne Miscellany*, i. 212).

onlie speaker of the saidis wordes.' Adamson 'maid na ansuer, but declynit the judgement of the Presbyterie, and offerit to produce ane Act of the Generall Assemble, eximyng him fra all triall and judgement of all inferior judges quhairsumever, the nixt Fuirsday.' This the Presbytery ordered him to do 'subscryvit withe the clarkis hand of the said Assemble.' The Archbishop did not appear next Thursday; but there 'comperit Mr. Henrie Hammyltowne, messinger, and, be vertew of our Soverane Lordes lettres, chargit the moderator of the Presbyterie and everie member thairof to desist and ses[1] fra all farder proceading in the matter and actione, in leading of proce[s], aganst the irreverend (*sic*) father Patrik Adamsone for quhatsumever [deid] or occasione bygane, inhibeting the saidis persones thairanent quhill [sum] farder ordour be tane and triall thairintill, under the pane of rebe[llione] and putting of the saidis persones to the horne.' After receiving this charge the Presbytery contented themselves by demanding at each brother on his conscience concerning Adamson's 'calling the congrega[ti]one of Sanctandrous gaittis, giff they knew the author thairof, and [in] speciall giff in any wayis they knew or hard Mr. Androw Mel[vine] in any wayes or any tyme speak the saidis wordes or the ly[k]. The bretheren in ane voce particularlie purgit the said M[r. Androw] of the saidis wordes or like wordes.'[2]

The Session had so long ruled St. Andrews in ecclesiastical matters that the newly erected Presbytery was possibly regarded at first as somewhat of an interloper; and, when differences of opinion did arise, the elders and deacons were not inclined to submit tamely. In September 1587 the Session, in desperation, petitioned the Provost, Bailies, and Town Council for help.[3] Unfortunately, the *Register of the Presbytery* is blank from 20th April 1587 to 9th October 1589; but the 'questionis fallin out betuix the Presbittrie and

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[1] Cease. [2] *Register of St. Andrews Presbytery.* [3] P. 604.

the Sessioun,' which necessitated the appeal to Cæsar, seem to have referred to the proclamation of banns. Afterwards they apparently worked very harmoniously, although the Session did not yield an implicit blind obedience;[1] and the older court derived great help and support from its immediate superior. The earliest volume of the *Register of the Presbytery* extends from the 13th of October 1586 to the 12th of December 1605. It was long supposed to be irretrievably lost, but was accidentally discovered by Dr. Buist.[2] Such a volume is well worthy of being printed by this Society at some future time, when fewer works are in hand than at present. Having had the privilege of examining it, I have given a good many extracts bearing on men and matters mentioned in this *Register*, and others illustrating the relationship existing between the Presbytery and the Session.

Great as was the assistance received from the Presbytery, the Session were quite as much, probably more, indebted to the magistrates. Municipal politics occasionally ran high in those days in St. Andrews, as they sometimes do still, and traces of party feeling are discernible in the *Register*; but some of the magistrates were always elected members of Session, and generally were ready to act in their double capacity as a terror to evil-doers. In the Preface to the former part, the question of the infliction of civil penalties was briefly discussed,[3] and with this second part in type much more might now have been said, but lack of space forbids. On this point, as on others, too much stress must not be laid on a single expression. For example, it is stated that an offender

[1] Pp. 857, n., 859, 860, 916.

[2] *New Statistical Account of Scotland*, ix. 464.—It has suffered much from damp, and more from attempted restoration by chemicals. When rebound it was interleaved; but unluckily the original leaves are not all in their proper order, and many of them have no year-date. A sixteenth century clerk attempted to partially remedy the latter defect, but not quite successfully; and for some mysterious reason has occasionally altered the year-date and made it wrong—1591 having been, almost in every case, changed into 1590. In my extracts I have given the true dates.

[3] Pp. liv-lvi.

was 'jokit, cartit,' etc., 'be decrete of the Sessioun'; but it is added, 'this wes also done be vertew of ane decrete of ane condigne assyis.'[1] Attention can only be called to two short entries bearing on the manner in which the magistrates carried out the behests of the Session. In 1593-4, each bailie was requested 'to put the actis to executioun upon transgressouris within his awin quarter';[2] and in February 1598-9, to obviate the confusion which this plan involved, the Provost and bailies agreed that they should in future, 'ilk ane *per vices*, his weik about,' 'put in execution the ordinances of the Sessioun, and put ordour to personis disobedient thairto.'[3] But the help of the magistrates was by no means confined to the execution of decrees, witness a resolution adopted in 1600:—'It is concludit that the ministeris and baillies of this citie sall pass togidder and viseit the samin citie, and to tak sic ordour that na evill disposed nor ydill personis have libertie to duell in sic ane reformit congregation.'[4] There was a touch of humour as well as zeal in those old bailies. Casual references have already been made to some culprits whose heads were adorned with paper inscribed with their offences. In one case the bailies specified that this head-gear was to be in the form of a mitre![5]

The social state of the people was such that the combined powers of Presbytery, Session, and Magistracy were needed to repress disorders; and yet the bulk of the citizens must have been on the side of law and order, or these bodies could not have acted as they did. There were a number of wild fiery spirits ever ready for a fracas or daring outrage, and there was a 'rascal multitude' to appeal to. Threatening a deacon, challenging an elder to fight, or even railing on the Provost and bailies, were comparatively trivial offences.[6] A brother of the Laird of Forret lay in wait, with a servant, for three hours, for Thomas Douglas, the minister of Balmerino,

[1] P. 793. [2] P. 781. [3] P. 880.
[4] P. 920. [5] P. 727, n. [6] Pp. 898, 858, 863.

'invadit him and drew his bluid.' On being desired to satisfy for this, he cut his glove, and casting down half of it to Douglas, in presence of the Presbytery, dared him or any of his kin to take it up.[1] A tailor, under silence of night, attacked Thomas Wod, the aged reader, intending 'to have maist schamfullie murtherit' him.[2] On a Sabbath day, Robert Wallace 'wes invadit be William Learmonth, younger, . . . maist unreverently and undewtifullie with bosting and thretning behaviour in the face of all the peipill, immediatlie efter his furthcuming of the pulpeit, . . . quhairby gryt skaith of bluid micht have fallin furth throw the tumult rasit be him, war nor that the Lord of his mercie stayit the samyn.'[3] At a meeting of Presbytery, and in presence of brethren from the Synod, William Arthur exclaimed, in reply to Wallace:—'Thow leis falsly, and ether sall thow deny that word and aett up, or it sall cost me my lyffe!' The Presbytery, 'being maist heily offendit,' sent for the magistrates; but, 'nochtwithstanding of thair presens,' Arthur 'utterit the lyk wordis in gryter pryd and rage of hairt.'[4] In such outbursts of unbridled passionate men the recklessness and daring were open; but what palliation can be urged for Patrick Learmonth, a son of the Provost, who took a quiet shot at Archbishop Adamson on the Links?[5] No doubt it was in time of sermon, but Learmonth was not one of the appointed visitors, nor was such a mode of capture authorised. Some of the difficulties experienced in curbing such men can be realised by a perusal of the dealings with the Arthurs for the murder of James Smith.

There are at least seventy references to the penitent stool, more than a score to the stool of repentance, several to the stool, a couple to the stool of public humiliation, half-a-dozen to a stool before the pulpit, one to a high stool before the pulpit, and another to the 'penitent stule of repentance.'

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[1] P. 695, n. [2] P. 726, n. [3] P. 863, n.
[4] P. 869, n. [5] Calderwood's *History*, viii. 224.

These could not all have been the same stool, because there are references to 'the hichest degre of the penitent stuill;' and on one occasion the stool is distinguished as 'ane stuill laiche in the kirk, beneth the place of repentance,' and on another as 'the penitent stuill betuix the pulpeit and publict place of repentans.' Sometimes the offender was condemned to make humiliation before the pulpit—no stool being mentioned. One penitent was to sit beside the precentor, and another was to make humiliation in a seat near the pulpit. A woman, who kept a child too long without baptism, was decerned to sit upon the penitent stool, and to bring the child with her!

To some people the most interesting entry in the *Register* will be the short one telling how Patrick Adamson came before the Session 'allegeand him to haif verball directioun of the Kingis Majestie, to desyre the minister and redar to pray publiclie for his Hienes mother, for hir conversioun and amendiment of lyfe, and if it be Godis plesour to preserve hir from this present danger quhairin sche is now, that sche may heirefter be ane profitabill member in Christis kirk.' Never dreaming that that very morning the unfortunate Mary Stewart had been led forth to execution, the Session resolved 'that the minister, at ilk sermone, and the redar, at ilk tyme quhen he sayis the prayaris, pray publiclie for the Kingis Gracis mother as is desyrt.'[1] It may also be stated here that George Douglas, afterwards Sir George, who helped Queen Mary to escape from Loch Leven, was an elder in the Session for several years, that his house is mentioned as the division between two districts, and, as thus marked out, it may still be seen, with his initials and arms over the old gateway.

Among the other items of interest that may be pointed out are those relating to Thomas Wod of Psalter fame, the collection for the French Kirk, the choosing of texts for the minister, the seating of the church, the removal of the

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[1] Pp. 583, 584.

women's seats 'for eschewing of trubill,' the comedy in St. Leonard's College, the prohibiting of an Englishman 'to mak ane publik play,' the bringing of the best scholars of the sang-school to help to sing the Psalms on Sabbath, and the alteration of one of the preaching days and Session day to Tuesday, to commemorate the King's deliverance from the 'Gowrie Conspiracy.' Much may be learned from the surnames occurring throughout the volume; but, although there is an apparent attempt at phonetic spelling, allowance must be made for the fancy or ignorance of the clerks. A witness named Barclay is mentioned four times, and on each occasion his name is spelt in a different way:—Barthlhlat, Barclaytht, Bartclaytht, Barclaitht.[1] Judging from the clerk's attempts to take down his name, this witness probably lisped. Perhaps the most amusing transmutation is that of Spandemager into Spaidmaker. There are at least two specimens of double Christian names, Henry Adam Foulis and Ellen Allan Mackewyn. The prevalence of some Christian names is remarkable, and still more so is the infrequency of others. Only one Mary, or Marie, occurs in the whole *Register*. Do we owe the commonness of this name in Scotland now to the memory of our unfortunate Queen?

This part has been edited on the same principles as the former, and the proofs of the text have been as carefully checked. The extracts from the *Register of the Presbytery*, the *Hammermen's Book*, the *Baxters' Book*, and the *Cordiners' Book*,[2] have been carefully taken; but I have not had the opportunity of again comparing them all with the originals. Some portions of the *Register* have been written very hurriedly, the letters running into one another. *And*, for

[1] Pp. 300-302.

[2] Since this Preface was written, Mr. D. C. Smith, watchmaker, has handed over to the St. Andrews University Library, for preservation and reference, the *Cordiners' Book*, the box and documents of the same craft, and also the box which was kept by the Convener of the seven incorporated trades of St. Andrews, with its remaining papers.

example, may be found in various stages until it actually becomes *ad.* In such cases I have given the word as the clerk evidently meant it to be. It should perhaps have been mentioned in the Preface to the former part that contractions have not been reproduced in the foot-notes, unless when there was a special reason for doing so; and inverted letters have been treated in the same way. A copious Index to both parts has been added, and facsimiles are given of the entry concerning Queen Mary, and of the signatures of Patrick Adamson, David Black, Robert Wallace, and George Glaidstanes. By permission of the Senatus Academicus of St. Andrews, a reduced facsimile of a drawing of the parish church from the original sketch in Oliphant's *St. Andrews Delineated*, 1767, is given as a frontispiece. So far as known, this is the only drawing of the church after the Reformation and before the extensive alterations of 1798.

In spite of every care, a few errors have crept in. Readers are requested to correct the serious one which occurs on p. 268.

I have again to thank Dr. Mark Anderson most cordially for the great help he has given me, and also Mr. Law for suggesting the insertion of the year-date in the headline, and for directions in compiling the Index. D. H. F.

St. Andrews, 30*th April* 1890.

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CORRECTIONS

PART I. (ADDITIONAL.)

Page viii, line 22, *for* a wax *read* wax.
,, xxix, ,, 5, *for* no *read* do.
,, liv, ,, 10, *for* 1574 *read* 1564.
,, 16, ,, 1, *for* rectantatioun *read* recantatioun.
,, 268, n. 2, line 17, *for* 1556 *read* 1566.
,, 407, line 3, *for* occording *read* according.

PART II.

Page 501, lines 7 and 26, *for* Walter *read* Robert.
,, 502, margin, line 3, *after* Broun *insert* [1].
,, 521, ,, *for* Confes *read* Confessio.
,, 535, line 13, *for* Ric. *read* Ric.[2]
,, 549, line 28, *for* haid *read* hard.
,, 563, ,, 16, *for* no *read* on.
,, 634, n., line 14, *for* in *read* to.
,, ,, ,, 15, *for* uther gamis *read* uthir gemmis.
,, 651, line 6, *for* witness *read* witnes.
,, 659, margin, *for* Lochemalon *read* Lochemalony.
,, 753, ,, *for* Commissioner *read* Commissioneris.
,, 809, line 29, *for* but *read* bot.
,, 814, ,, 23, *for* [be][6] *insert* a comma.
,, 874, ,, 2, *for* shives *read* Shives.
,, 881, ,, 12, *for* Patrick *read* Patrik.
,, 884, margin, *for* visitouris *read* [visitouris].

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(*Continued*)

Die vigesimo quarto mensis Octobris, anno lxxxij°.

Elderis votit electit and chosin.

Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour of the Universite of St. Androus
Mr. James Martine, Provest of the Auld College
Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, ane of the maisteris of the New College
Mr. Dauid Russell, bailye
Thomas Lentroun, bailye
Mr. William Cok
Maister Martine Geddy
James Robertsoun
Thomas Welwod

William Ferry	Up on land.
James Smyth	Androw Wod of Straythwethy
Androw Greif.	Mr. Androw Aytoun of Kynnaldy.[1]

Deaconis votit electit and chosin.

George Blak
Williame Zwill
Alexander Smyth
Androw Watsoun

Patrik Gutherie	Up on land.
Jhone Hagy	Martine Carstrophein in Byrhillis
Patrik Playfeir	James Calvart in Over Kenlovy
Dauid Blair	Walter Kynnynmonth in Baldony
Charlis Watsoun, notar.	Dauid Forester in Kyncapill.

[1] This was the father of Sir Robert Aytoun the poet.

Ratificatioun of the actis and statutis maid in the sessioun of befoir.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deaconis aboif writin affirmit ratifiit and apprevit the haill statutis and ordinances of the sessioun, maid upon the fyft day of November in the yeir of God, &c., thre scoir tuelf yeiris, and ar all oblist and suorn to observe and keip the samyn.

Die Mercurii, ultimo mensis Octobris, anno lxxxij.

Gude ordour to be takin for precheing of the Word.

The quhilk day, it is aggreit statut and ordanit be the sessioun that in all tyme cuming, quhill God provide ane ordinar pastour to this kirk, the first artikle, that beis proponit and ressonit in sessioun ilk Weddinsday, salbe to knaw quha sall mak the sermonis in this parroche kirk the nixt Fryday Sonday and Weddinsday thaireftir; and gude provisioun hed and takin thairin, that the pepill laik nocht thair saulis fuide.[1]

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[1] The first entry on the 9th of May 1582 (*supra*, p. 481) shows that Robert Pont had not come to St. Andrews at that date; and this entry proves that at the end of October there was no ordinary pastor in the congregation. It was of this time that James Melville wrote:—'The session of the kirk haid a custome to send twa of thair eldars everie ouk to desyre Mr. Andro and me to helpe tham on the Sabbathe, during the want of a minister and absence of the Bischope.' Perceiving that the Prior and the rulers of the town wished to keep the charge vacant, the Melvilles hinted this from the pulpit, after which a purse of money was offered to James Melville for his labours; but he declined it, fearing, 'giff thay gatt a fason of a ministerie sa easelie provydit, they wald be lang of bringing in an of the notable men nominat to that ministerie, . . . they haiffing George Blak to minister the sacraments and marie, and us to teatche, wald content thairwith and seik na mair.' Having explained the matter to the Presbytery, that court discharged the Melvilles from preaching, and ordained James to pen a letter stating the reasons. 'Quhilk being done, and publicklie read, certean of the rewlars of the town . . . ragit thairat, and pennit against the nixt day an answer, in effect and termes unreverent; denying the authoritie of the Presbyterie, calling it pretendit, and inveying against the sam: for the quhilk cause, the persone that red it, Ringand Rewll, taker upe of the Psalmes, being callit befor the Presbyterie, schew that Mr. David Russell and Wilyeam Lermont commandit him to reid it; bot, pure man, he gat his reward, for he never threave nor did guid efter that, bot died with madnes and miserie. The saids Mr. David and Wilyeam being callit, the Pryor and Provest compeires with tham, thinking to bang out the mater; bot God assistes Mr Andro sa, that he dasht tham all, and maid them fean to go packing. The Generall Assemblie nocht being far to, the Presbyterie remittes the mater thairto, and summoned the said Mr David and Wilyeam to compeir befor the Assemblie, quhilk they did with thair assistars; bot they war condemnit be the Assemblie,

The quhilk day the Bischope and haill sessioun hes electit Charlis Watsoun deakin thair scribe and clerk of thair assemblie. Electioun of the clerk.

The quhilk day, the sessioun requestis the majestratis to caus the quarter maisteris of the town to tak triall of faltouris within this citee, that gude ordour and discipline may be hed within the samyn. Requeist to the majestratis for gude ordour.

The quhilk day the electioun of the assemblie scribe is continewit to this day aucht dayis. *Rij.*[1]

Die septimo Novembris, anno lxxxij°.

The quhilk day the electioun of the assemblie scribe is continewit to this day aucht dayis. *Rij.*

Die Mercurii, decimo quarto Novembris, anno lxxxij°.

The quhilk day, Williame Pitcarne and Elspot Ferlie ar decernit befoir solemnizatioun of mariage to mak publict satisfactioun as fornicatouris according to the ordour; uther-wyis, if thai pay xxx s. to the puir and satisfeis the day of thair mariage, the impressonment to be dispensit with in respect of thair mariage. Pitcarne, Fairlie. Satisfeit and mariit.

The quhilk day, the puir of ilk quarter to be warnit thair ouk about for triall of thair habilite; and the North Gait quarter to begyn. The puir to be tryit.

The electioun of the assemblie scribe continewit to this day aucht dayis. *Rij.*

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and ordeanit to mak publict repentance in the kirk of St. Androis, and Mr. Andro to receave the saming; the quhilk they did solemnlie, and sa becam better-conditioned thairefter' (Melville's *Diary*, Wod. Soc. pp. 124-127). There is no reference to the public repentance of these men in this *Register*, the minutes of the Presbytery for the period are not extant, but the procedure before the General Assembly will be found in the *Booke of the Universall Kirk*, ii. 615-618, 621. The answer which Russell penned to Melville's letter is there stated to have been read on the 17th of March 1582-3.

[1] *Rij*, which occurs so frequently in the margin, stands for *Res in jure* or *res in judicio*; occasionally it is followed by *q*, thus *rij. q*, meaning *res in jure quaerenda.*

Die Mercurii, xxviij° Novembris, anno lxxxij°.

Obligatio Gerves. Satisfeit.[1]

The quhilk day, Duncane Gerves is oblist of his awin consent, in presens of Mr. Dauid Russell bailye, to pay to the support of the puir xl s., befoir the hemnest[2] day of the proclamatioun of his bannis.

Die quinto Decembris, 1582.

Ratificatioun of the Act of the convening to sessioun.

The quhilk day, the haill sait ratifeis and apprevis the Statut and Act maid the xxj of Maii lxj yeiris, anent thair convening ilk Weddinsday to the sait, under the panis thairin contenit,[3] with this conditioun, if thai be seik or furth of the town to be fre.

Dalgles, *rij. q.* Satisfeit.[4]

The quhilk day, Jonet Dalgleis being warnit to this day for keping of ane barn on baptizit, and for nocht fulfilling the ordinance of session maid in the last Act on hir, the sessioun ordainis hir to report the testimoniall yit as of befoir within xv dayis, under pane of excommunicatioun.

Tod. Satisfeit.[5] Moreis.

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes continewit thair proceding aganis Jhone Morei[s], cautionar for Jhone Tod, to this day xv dayis, within the quhilk tyme Jhone Moreis to present Tod to discipline, under the pane contenit in Act.

Sowtar.

The quhilk day, Agnes Sowtar is decernit to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, and to satisfie conforme to the ordour, for fornicatioun confessit be hir with Patri[k] Walker.

Walker, [Sowtar,] Stewart, Hillok.

The quhilk day, Patrik Walker present is decernit to mak satisfactioun for fornicatioun committit be him with Bessy Hillock; quha, being also present, confessis hir with barne to Patrik; and als Patrik to mak satisfaction for fornicatioun committit be him with Agnes Sowtar, conforme to the ordour. And as tuiching the mariage desyrit to be endit betuix him and Elspot Stewart, the sessioun hes con-

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[1] *Sati* in MS. This clerk frequently uses *sa*, without any mark of contraction, for *satisfeit*.

[2] Last.

[3] *Thairin contenit thairin* in MS.

[4] *Satisfeit* has been inserted between *Dalgles* and *rij. q.* These later additions in the margin are frequently inserted where there is most room.

[5] *Satifeit* in MS.

cludi[t], quhen satisfactioun is dewlie maid be him for the first tua crymes, and thairefter thair parentis[1] consentis obtenit to the mariage, or ellis laidfulle requerit, and all utheris thingis requisite done and perfytit be him and Elspot Stewart conforme to the ordour of the kirk, mariage than to proceid, utherwyis nane; and ordanit Stewart to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, under the pane of publict admonition.

Scheves, Clapen, adulteraris.

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes ordanit Jhone Scheves and Margret Clepen to be chargit to proceid and performe thair repentance, conforme to the ordinances ellis maid thairanent; and becaus Margret Clapen is present in this citee, sche to be chargit be the officir to conpeir on Sonday nixttocum on the penitent stuill, as sche wes first decernit, under pane of excommunicatioun; and Jhone Scheves to be warnit to the samyn effect at his hame cuming.

Clerk, Authinlek. Satisfeit.

The quhilk day, Robert Clerk and Jonet Flek being present confessis Jonet to be with barne to Robert under promis of mariage, and desyris to performe the samyn. In respect thairof the sessioun ordanis thame to mak satisfactioun conforme to the ordour, and to pay to the puir xx s., quhilk[2] thai promis to do, and thairefter mariage to proceid.

Symsoun, Ker.

The quhilk day, Henry Symsoun and Issobell Ker accusit. Symson present[3] grantis thair is ane barne borne of Issobell, gottin betuix thame in fornicatioun. The sessioun ordanis thame to mak satisfactioun thairfor, conforme to the ordour; and Issobell to be warnit, quhen sche is haill of hir child evill, to mak satisfactioun.—Symson hes satisfet.[4]

Forbes, *rij.* Hagy remittit.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Jonet Forbes to be warnit to this day viij dayis, for ressaving of Jonet Hagy in houshald within this citee, quha wes with barne gottin in fornicatioun within the parrochin of Luicheris; and remits Hagy to underly discipline befoir the elderschip of Luicheris, quhair the falt wes maid.

Rany, Hagy. Satisfeit.

The quhilk day Agnes Rany confessis hir with barne to Robert Hagy. Sche is decernit to mak satisfactioun conforme

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[1] *Paretis* in MS. [2] *Quhill* in MS. [3] *Presentis* in MS.

[4] The last three words have been added afterwards. A similar addition has been made to many of the paragraphs.

to the ordour; and Hagy to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

Die xij° Decembris, anno lxxxij°.

Scheves, Clepen.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Jhone Scheves to be warnit to conpeir on Sonday nixttocum, to proceid in humiliatioun; and Margret Clapen agane Sonday cum aucht dayis, elykewys to proceid in humiliatioun, conforme to the ordinance.

Hagy, Hendersoun.

The quhilk day, Jonet Hagy confesis sche buir ane barne in fornicatioun to Alane Hendersoun. The session ordanis hir to mak satisfaction thairfor betuix this and Candilmes; and Jhone Hagy, in presens of Thomas Lentron bailye, is oblist cautioun for hir to that effect; and Alane Henderson is ordanit to be warnit to conpeir befoir the sessioun howsone he may be apprehendit.

Walker, Stewart.

The quhilk day, Patrik Walker is ordanit to be warnit to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, and Elspot Stewar being present confessis sche hes hed carnall daill with Patrik Walker sen the last admonitioun gevin to hir be the session. Sche is decernit to enter in presson and mak satisfactioun for the first offence, conforme to the first ordinance; and to pay ane pecuniall sowme to the puir for hir offence committit sen admonitioun; and thairefter mariage to proceid betuix hir and Walker, quhen thair parentis consentis ar obtenit, and Patrik hes satisfeit conforme to the ordinance.

Jonet Forbes decernit to mak humiliatioun.

The quhilk day, Jonet Forbes is decernit to mak publict satisfactioun in the kirk on Sonday nixtocum, for ressaving of Jonet Hagy *fornicatrix* in houshald with hir, without licience of the kirk and majestratis.

Die Mercurii, xxvj^to mensis Decembris, anno lxxxij°.

Patrik Walker remittit to the civile majestratis.

The quhilk day, Patrik Walker being oftimes chargit be the assemble officiar, as wes verefiit, to enter his body in presson, and to satisfie the kirk for fornicatioun committit be him and confessit with Bessy Hillok, Agnes Sowtar and Elspot Stewart, and to underly discipline thairfor, conforme

to the ordour, and disobeyit: thairfor, the sessioun remits the said Patrik to the civile majestratis, Provest and bailyeis of this citee, to tak ordour with him for his offence and disobedience, as thai will ansuer to God and the King, and supplication to be direct to thame to that effect.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis James Steill officar to charge Jhone Scheves agane to proceid in humiliatioun for adultrie, conforme to the ordinance, upon Sonday nixttocum. Scheves.

The quhilk day, Jonet Forbes is chargit personalie befoir the sessioun yit as befoir to conpeir on Sonday nixttocum, tyme of sermon, and mak humiliatioun for hir offence, conforme to the first ordinance thairanent. Forbes. Satisfeit.

The quhilk day, Henry Symson [is][1] decernit to conpeir on Sonday nixttocum, and mak repentance for fornicatioun committit be him with Issobell Ker; and hes payit x s. in hand to the puir. And Dauid Blair is oblist of his awin consent, in presens [of][1] Mr. Dauid Russell bailye, to pay ten s. to the puir[3] betuix this and candilmes nixttocum, and Henry oblist to relef Dauid Blair. Symsoun, Ker. *Cautio*[2] Blair. Satisfeit.

The quhilk day, William Muffet is ordanit to be warnit to this day auch dayis as cautioner, to pay sex pund for James Wemes. Muffett, Wemes, *rij.*

The quhilk day Margret Kellie is ordanit to be warnit for retening with hir of ane on baptizit barne. Kellie, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Thomas Mordo and Maige Ballingall ar decernit to sitt on the penitent stuill, Sonday nixttocum, for fornicatioun, as is manifestit be procreatioun of ane cheild betuix thame. Mwrdo, Ballingall. Satisfeit.

Die secundo mensis Januarii, anno lxxxij°.

The quhilk day, fforsame[kil][4] as Margret Kellie, upon the xxj day of Februar lxxxj yeris, conperand befoir the sessioun and ministrie of Sanctandrous, accusit and inquirit for keping in houshald with hir of ane on baptizit barne, and quha is the barnis father, and quhome fra sche ressavit the said barne, and quha payis to hir the barnis buird, ansuerit that Kellie.

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[1] Omitted. [2] *Monitio* in MS. [3] *Buir* in MS. [4] Altered.

sche, than thre yeir sensyne or thairby, ressavit the said barne out of the minister of Craillis hous in St Androus for the tyme, fra the said ministeris wyfe and Cathrine Stevinsoun mother to the said barne respective, the said minister being for the tyme duelling in Henry Lawmonthis foir chalmer; and said that Alane Cwnighaime wes the barnis father, quhilk wes gottin in the Jland of Maij; and that Alane sumtyme payit hir for the barnis bui[rd], and the barnis mother uther tymes; and sche knew than na forther of that mater: thairfor than the session for forder triall in this mater directi[t] thair supplicatioun to the ministrie of Craill, quha as yit hes send na ansuer thairin. And now the said ministrie of St Androus, understanding the great offence and sklander that hes rissinn and daly rysis on this mater, hes agane of new callit the said Margret Kellie befoir thame this day, and inquirit of hir yit as of befoir quhat sche knawis forder of the treuth of this mater; ansueris, that leatlie sensyne, sche askit the barnis buird fra Alane Cwnighame, quha ansuerit that he wald haif na mair to do with hir, for the barne wes nocht his barne. And Margret being inquirit quhome sche knawis[1] to be the barnis father, ansueris that sche heris say be common bruit that the barne is Henry Lawmonth gottin in adultrie. Now the sessioun, in respect that Margret Kellie hes[2] salang kepit ane on baptizit barne in compane with hir, and nocht knawand the father thairof, decernis hir to mak publict humiliatioun thairfor, at the discretioun of the majestratis of this citee, to quhome thai remit hir to be adjugit be ane condigne assyis, or utherwyis as thai will ansuer to God and the Kingis[3] Grace; and as concerning trew triall to be takin anent the barnis parentis, remitis the samyn to be takyn and decidit be the Prisbitrie of Sanctandrous,[4] that the verite may be knawin and discipline hed thairin.

Hagy, Rany. Satisfeit.

The quhilk day, Robert Hagy and Agnes Rany being confrontit grantis carnall copulatioun togidder, and that ane tyme about Michaelmes last wes; and that the barne

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[1] *Kiaw* in MS. Many of the letters in this part of the *Register* are not half formed. [2] *Hes hes* in MS. [3] *King* in MS.
[4] *St anctandrous* in MS.

Agnes is with is Robertis barne. Thai ar decernit to mak humiliatioun; Hagy to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, and Rany quhen sche bes chargit.

The quhilk day Elspot Reif and Issobell Ker ar ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis. Reif, Ker.

The quhilk day William Zwill mariner is content to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum. Zwill. Satisfeit.

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Suyne, quha grantis hir to be with barn to Jhone Lentroun, and that sche is now relapis. Sche is decernit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour, and Jhone to be warnit to this day aucht dayis. Swyne. Satisfeit. Lentroun.

The quhilk day, Patrik Walker submittis himself to discipline, and promissis to enter presson Satterday nixttocum, and fulfill the ordinance. Walker.

The quhilk day, James Steill officiar is commandit be the sessioun to lett na person enter in the presson hous to the pressonaris, to beir cumpanie with thame in extraordinar drinking and wantownes; nor to lett na sustentatioun cum in the presson hous bot sic as aggreis with the Act of Parliament; and that the dur be closit fast at sex houris at evin nichtlie, and nocht opnit quhill the morn at day lycht; and this command to stand in all tymes cuming, as he will ansuer upon the executioun of his office. Command gevin to James Steill officiar.

Die nono mensis Januarii, anno lxxxij.

The quhilk day, Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour, at desyre of the sessioun, to report ansuer this day aucht dayis fra the Prisbittrie, anent the questioun proponit befoir thame, of the on baptizit barne with Margret Kellie. *Rij.* Kellie.

The quhilk day conperit Cathrine Gutherie and confessis sche is with barn to Robert Hagy. The sessioun ordanis hir to mak satisfactioun for hir offence, conforme to the ordour, and Robert to be warnit to this day aucht dayis. Gutherie, Hagy, *rij.* Satisfeit.

The quhilk day, Elene Dik grantis hir to be with barne to Jhone Bouy, quha is now as sche allegis out of the cuntreth, and that the barn wes gottin in the place of Logy. Sche is ordanit to mak satisfaction conforme to the ordour, quhill forder triall be hed of the barnis father. Dik, Bouy.

Dauid Pattoun, Thomsoun.

The quhilk day, it is delatit to the sessioun that Dauid Patton, servand to Mr. Androw Aytoun of Kynnaldy, hes committit insest with Cathrine Thomson, now in the parrochin of Craill, his dochter in law. The sessioun ordanis Dauid to be summond to conpeir befoir thame, and that Mr. Androw Ayton his maister be desyrit to caus him conpeir.

Zwill. Satisfeit.

The quhilk day, William Zwill [is ordanit][1] to mak humiliatioun for his offence Sonday nixttocum, and to pay xxx s. to the puir, for relief of his presson, in part of pament of the Act of Parliament.

Reif, Ker.

The quhilk day Elspot Reif and Issobell Ker to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

Scheves.

The quhilk day, anent the desyre of Robert Scheves, in name of Jhone Scheves adultrar, proponit to the session, the samyn is continewit to this day aucht dayis; and the haill sait to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to consult and gif ansuer thairto.

Die xvj^to^ mensis Januarii, anno lxxxij^o^.

Hagy *confessio.* Satisfeit.

The quhilk day Robert Hagy confessis he hes hed carnall daill with Cathrine Gutherie. He is decernit to mak satisfactioun conforme to the ordour.

Confessio Ker.

The quhilk day Issobell Ker conperit and confessit sche hes borne ane barn in fornicatioun to Henry Symsoun. Sche is decernit to mak humiliatioun comforme to the ordour.

Reif, Geddy, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Walter Geddy oblist him to conpeir befoir the sessioun thi[s] day aucht dayis, and gif ansuer quhidder he wald caus Elspot Reif his *nutrix* enter in pressoun, and satisfie for fornicatioun committit be hir, or ellis to pay ane pecuniall pane, &c.

Confessio Ramsay, Miller.

The quhilk day, Grissell Miller confessis sche is with barne to Charlis Ramsay tailyeour, and that sche hed nevir carnall daill with him bot anis, quhilk wes upon Mononday befoir Michaelmes day last wes. And Charlis present also confessis he hed carnall daill with hir aucht dayis befoir that same tyme, and nevir mair. Thai ar decernit to mak humiliatioun conform[e] to the ordour.

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[1] Omitted.

The quhilk day Jhone Lentroun confessis he hes hed carnall daill with Margret Suyne. The session ordanis him to mak satisfaction conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Lentroun.

Die xxij° Januarii, anno octuagesimo secundo.

The quhilk day, Issobell Reif oblist hir to pay xx s. to the use of the puir for hir impresonment, and to conpeir on the penitent stuill Sonday nixttocum to mak humiliatioun; and quhen the barnis father conperis and makis humiliatioun in this kirk conforme to the ordour, and haldis up the barne him self, than the barn to be baptizit, utherwyis nocht. Reif. Satisfeit.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Russell and Thomas Lentron bailyeis promissis to do diligence agane this day aucht dayis, to gait the act out of the townis buikis, quhair William Muffet wes oblist for pament of vj ℔. to the puir, as caution for James Wemes. Muffett, *rij.*

Die penultimo mensis Januarii, anno lxxxij°.

The quhilk day, James Steill officiar verefiit that he hed chargit Robert Hagy to mak humiliatioun upon Sonday last wes, and he disobeyit; thairfor the sessioun ordanis him to be yit warnit agane Sonday nixttocum, for the secund tyme. Hagy.

The samyn day, James Steill officiar verefiit that he hed warnit Issobell Ker to mak humiliatioun Sonday last wes, and sche disobeyit; thairfor ordanit to be warnit for the secund tyme. Ker.

The quhilk day, anent the desyre of Patrik Walker desyring the barne gottin be him on Elspot Stewart to be baptizit, the samyn is continewit to this day aucht dayis; that his parentis be present, and thair myndis hed and knawin to the sessioun anent the mariage; and ordanit Patrikis parentis to be warnit to that effect, to the samyn day. Walker, Stewart.

The quhilk day, Jhone Lentron oblisis him to pay xxx s. to the puir for his impressonment, and to mak humiliatioun quhen he beis requirit be the kirk. Lentron.

Die sexto Februarii, anno lxxxij°.

Requisitio Walker.

The quhilk day, Alexander Walker, mercheand, being requirit be the sessioun, quhidder he will consent to the mariage of Patrik Walker his sone with Elspot Stewart or nocht, ansueris he wald nather consent nor disassent, bot sayis he wald nocht stay him to marie; and being inquirit for quhat caus he wald nocht consent ansueris, first, Patrik hes bein disobedient to him in mony cacis, and that he hes dilapidat mekill of his geir within thir tua yeiris, and spetialie the last viage he maid with his geir to Deip,[1] he spendit of the said Alexanderis geir by[2] his will and consent vij^{xx} frankis.

Licience to marie outwith this parrochin.

The quhilk day, the bannis of mariage being of Hercules Mortoun and Agnes Forsyth his spous, parrochenaris of this parrochin, thre severale Sondayis in this kirk proclamit, licience is grantit to thame to marie in Darsy parrochin, thai payand ane pecuniall pane to the support of the puir, as utheris hes done befoir.

Die decimo quarto mensis Februarii, anno lxxxij.

Lawmonth, *rij.*

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordains Henry Lawmonth to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to sic thingis as salbe proponit aganis him.

Miller, Reif, Ker, disobeyit, *rij.*

The quhilk [day],[3] becaus Grissell Miller, Elspot Reif and Issobell Ker, hes bein thryis chargit be the officiar to enter in pressoun, conforme to the ordinances of the kirk, as wes verifiit be the officiar, the session ordanis thame to be publiclie summond Sonday nixttocum; with certificatioun, if thai conpeir nocht in presson Satterday nixttocum, thai salbe remittit to the secular majestratis; and that thai conpeir this day aucht dayis befoir the session, to allege ony ressonabill caus quhy thai suld nocht do the samyn.

Caid, Dewar.

The quhilk day, Alexander Caid oblisis him to pay to Jonet Dewar iij ℔. money, befoir he be mariit with Margret Crawfurd; and for the samyn sche remitis him all promis of mariage maid to hir.

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[1] Dieppe. [2] Without, against. [3] Omitted.

The quhilk day, James Alane is oblist cautionar for Patrik Walker and Elspot Stewart, that thai sall satisfie the kirk befoir thai be mariit; and als that thai sall marie togidder befoir Patrik pas out of Scotland; under the pane of fourty ℔. to the use of the puir; and Patrik oblisis him to releif James Alane. *Cautio*[1] Walker, Alane.

Die xx° Februarii, anno lxxxij°.

The quhilk day, Margret Kennedy confesis sche is with barn to James Fairfull, servand to Robert Cowstoun, and that sche first hed to do with him in Alane Lentronis hous befoir he past to Lochebruny,[2] and sensyne ane uther tyme sen he come hame. James Fairfull present confessis he hed carnall daill with hir at the samyn tymes. Thai ar decernit to mak humiliatioun, and James to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, and the woman Satterday cum aucht dayis. *Confessio* Fairfull, Kennedy.

The quhilk day, Henry Lawmonth is ordanit to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer *super inquirendis.* Lawmonth.

Mergret Law, servand to James Balcanquell, confessis sche is with barne to ane callit Robert Liddell mariner, duelling as sche sayis sex mylis aboif Dunde; and that sche hed first to do with him outwith the Est Burn Wynde Port of this citee, ane moneth befoir Martimes last wes, and ane uther tyme sensyne be west Sueilcont Burn of this citee, passand to Straythtyrum, viij dayis befoir Martimes last wes. Sche is decernit to mak humiliatioun quhill forder triall be takin. *Confessio Margarete Law.*

Margret Tarres confessis sche is with barne to Symone Andersoun, servan[d] to William Wilsoun, and that the barn wes gottin in Straythwethy place in the forder end of harvest last wes. Sche is commandit to be heir this day aucht dayis, and Anderson to be warnit to the said day.—Tarres hes payit xiij s. iiij d., and maid humiliatioun. *Confessio* Tarres.

The quhilk day, the sessoun ordanis Jonet Andersoun, dochter to [*blank*] Andersoun in Lamelethame Miln, Jhone Lory and Jonet Stirk in Kynkell, to be oppin[ly] summond be George Blak redar upon Sonday nixttocum, to conpeir Jonet Anderson, Lowry, and Stirk, to be summond, *rij.*

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[1] *Monitio* in MS.

[2] Or *Lochebriny.*

on Weddinsday nixttocum, to ansuer to sic thingis as salbe proponit aganis thame, under the pane of disobedience.

Die penultimo mensis Februarii, anno lxxxij°.

Confessio Andersoun, Tarres, &c.

The quhilk day conperit Symon Andersoun and grantis the barne quhilk Margret Terres is with is his barne. He is decernit to mak satisfactioun, and to enter in pressoun Satterday nixttocum. The barane is gottin in fornicatioun, and Margret Tarres to enter in presson Satterday cum aucht dayis.

Ramsay.

The quhilk day, becaus it is verefiit be the officiar that Charlis Ramsay is chargi[t] to enter in presson and disobeyit, he is ordanit to be chargit agane for the secund tyme to pressoun.

Accusatio Lawmonth, *rij.*

The [quhilk day],[1] conperit Henry Lawmonth, as he that wes warnit to this day, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him, he to be the father of the madin barne borne be Cristene Stevinson, allegit gottin be him upon hir in adultri[e], in the Jland of Maij, quhilk barne is presentle within this citee on baptizit in burding with Margret Kellie. The said Henry, being inquirit be the sessi[oun] if he be the said barnis father, ansueris that he nevir knew the said Criste[ne] Stevinson carnalie, and denyis that he is[2] that barnis father. The Rect[our], at desyre of the sessioun, promisis to expone the said Henreis ansuer to mo[rn] to the Prisbitrie, and to report thair counsall and declaratioun thairanent this day aucht dayis.

Citatio Andersoun, Pattoun, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Jonet Andersoun dochter to Androw Andersoun in Lamelethame, [and][1] Dau[id] Patton in Kynnaldy, being summond to this day, be George Blak redar upon Son[day] last wes, conforme to the summondis this day producit dewlie execut and indorsa[t], to ansuer to sic thingis as salbe proponit aganis thame. Conperit the said Andr[ow] Anderson, quha confessis that his said dochter is ten dayis syne lichter, in his hous, of ane knaif barn; and that the barne is brutit to be ather Jhone or Henry Pittillokis, or

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[1] Omitted.

[2] *His* in MS.

Robert Hageis. The sessoun ordanis the said Androw to conpeir befoir thame this day aucht dayis, and to caus Issobell Balfour his spous, and Issobell Robertsoun maidwyfe, to conpeir with him the said day. And conperit Dauid Patton elder, and excusit his sone quhome he allegit to be fr[a] him; and promist to caus his sone conpeir this day aucht dayis. The sessoun ordanis Henry Pittillok and Walter Hagy to be warnit to the samyn day.

Confessio Blak, Hay.

The quhilk day, Jonet Blak confessis sche is with barne to James Hay, servand to James Hay induellar in this citee; and that the barn wes gottin viij dayi[s] befoir Hansell Mononday last wes, in James Hayis stabill. Sche is decernit to mak satisfactioun conforme to the ordour, and James Hay to be warnit.

Die Mercurii, sexto mensis Martii, anno lxxxij°.

Confessio Henricj Pittillok, rij.

The quhilk day, conperit Henry Pittillok, quha grantis that be hes hed carnall daill with Jonet Andersoun, ane litill befoir Witsonday last wes, in his motheris malt barn in the West Bwrn Wynd; and if the woman will say the barn is his, he will grant the samyn and tak thairwith. The session, for forder triall to be hed herrin, ordanis the belman or his son to pas to Lamelethame, and warn Androw Andersoun thair, Issobell Balfour his spous, Issobell Robertsoun maidwyffe thair, to conpeir befoir thame this day aucht dayis, under pane of disobedience; and Jhone Pittillok and Walter Hagy to be warnit to the samyn effect be the officiar.

Die xxvij° Martii, anno lxxxiij°.

Confessio Oliphant, Arnot, Alane.

The quhilk day, Begis Oliphant spous to Dauid Arnot declaris that sche hard Jhone Arnot hir sone grant that the madin barn, quhilk Cristene Alane hes borne to him, wes his barne. The sessioun in respect thairof ordanis the barn to be baptizit, and Alane to mak humiliatioun.

Die xxiiij^to^ mensis Aprilis, anno lxxxiij^o^.

Confessio Oliphant, Broun.

The quhilk day, Margret Oliphant declaris and confessis that sche hes born ane man cheild in fornicatioun to Charlis Broun in Mwir-houssis; and the first tyme sche hed carnall daill with him wes xv dayis befoir midsymmer last wes in Mwir-houssis, and that the barn wes born on Thurisday befoir Pasche last wes. The sessioun ordanis the man to be warnit, that tryall may be takin heirin, how sone he may be apprehendit.

Die primo mensis Maii, anno lxxxiij^o^.

Obligatio Thome Broun, rij.

The quhilk day, Thomas Broun father to Charlis Broun oblissis him to caus the said Charlis his sone conpeir befoir the sessioun this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to sic thingis as salbe proponit to him, under the pane of ane hundreth ℔. to the use of the puir, in presens of Mr. Dauid Russell bailye.

Die octavo mensis Maii, anno lxxxiij^o^.

Confessio Bell, Peblis.

The quhilk day Malie Bell confessis sche is with barne to Jhone Peblis duelling with the Chalmerlane. The barne wes gottin in James Hageis hous in Balrymonth about Michaelmes last. Jhone Peblis present grantis carnall copulatioun at the samyn tyme with hir. Thai ar baith decernit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.

Confessio Broun, Oliphant, *rij.*

The quhilk day conperit Charlis Broun quha grantis that he hed carnall daill with Margret Oliphant xx dayis efter Witsonday last wes. Promis of mariage allegit maid be him to Margret Oliphant, quhilk Margret referrit to his aith *simpliciter*. Charlis is suorn and ordanit to conpeir this day aucht dayis, and declair his aith and depone.

Confessioun of the fleschouris.

The quhilk day, Jhone Kellie, Androw Anderson and Dauid Robertsoun, fleschouris, grantis that thai haif kepit mercat in Craill Sonday last wes, thairfor thai submit thame selfis in the will of the kirk.

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[1] The words *Brun satisfeit with* have been afterwards inserted between *Confessio* and *Oliphant*; and *sa* has been written after *Oliphant*.

Die quinto Junii, anno lxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, for triall of the mater betuix Grissell Miller and Charli[s] Ramsay tailyeour, the sessioun ordanis Grissell Miller to be summond to this day aucht dayis; and ane supplicatioun to be direct to the Prisbittrie, to direct thair summondis to that effect. Ramsay, Miller, *rij.*

The quhilk day, James Hay confessis he hes hed carnall daill with Jonet Blak, and that the samyn first viij dayis efter Hansell Mononday lest wes or thairby. He submitis him self to discipline. *Confessio* Hay.

Die duodecimo Junii, anno lxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, the Rectour and Mr. James Martine, Provest of the Auld College, [ar appointit][1] to report ansuer fra the Prisbittrie, anent Grissell Miller and hir conperance to ansuer to sic thingis as salbe proponit to hir anent Charlis Ramsay, this day aucht dayis. Miller, Ramsay, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Marione Broun and Issobell [*Miller*—deleted] Bell being at hetred ar reconcilit, and decernit with thair awin consent if thai be fund flytand or injuring utheris heirofter, thai and ilk ane of thame to pay xl s. to the box of the puir unforgevin. *Decretum contra* Broun, Bell.

The quhilk day, Agnes Methven confessis sche hes hed carnall daill with Robert Skirling, lykeas sche befoir departit with barn to him at ane uther tyme and sa sche is relappis. —Methven hes satisfeit for ane tyme. *Confessio* Methven, Skirling.

The quhilk day Elezabeth Bett grantis hir to be with barn to James Quhyte mariner in Leith. Sche submittis hir self to discipline. *Confessio* Bett.

Die decimo nono mensis Junii, anno lxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, conperit befoir the ministrie of St. Androus Mr. Petir Zoung,[2] Mr. Almosar to our Soverane Lord the The distributioun of the Kingis Gracis almous.

[1] Omitted.

[2] Peter Young, afterwards Sir Peter, of Seaton, was born in Dundee in 1544, studied under Beza at Geneva, was appointed assistant preceptor under Buchanan

Kingis Majestie, quha, with the advis and counsall of the said ministrie, deliverit to Petir Carstaris, Thomas Banis, Thomas Aitchesoun, Nicholl Strathawin, Archibald Mwir, Henrie Miller, Jhone Watsoun, Jhone Donaldsoun, Thomas Oliphant, Jhone Robertsou[n], Alexander [*Duplein*—deleted] Dempstar, Dauid Duplein, Henrie Jamesoun, Dauid Mortou[n], Jhone Duncane, George Wauche, Dauid Arnot, and to ilk ane of thame, as puir personis electit with the advis of the said ministrie, ane blew gown, and ilk ane of thame ane purs and xvij s. money thairin, in name of our said soverane lord; that thay and ilk ane of thame suld pray for his hienes dayly, and keip the prayaris ilk day and the sermone every pre[aching] day, sittand all togiddir in the parroche kirk of St. Androus, ilk persoun cled with his said blew gown: quhilk thai and ilk ane of thame hes promist faithfull[ie] to do.[1]

Confessio Leiche, Pittillok.

The quhilk day, Jonet Leiche confessis hir to be with barn to Henry Pittillok, and that the barn wes gottin about Fastronisevin last wes, in William Eleiston[is] hous within

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to James the Sixth, was for many years King's Almoner—or *almosar*—for Scotland, had three wives and sixteen children, and died in 1628. See *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*, iv. 420-429; Maitland *Miscellany*, i. 13-15.

[1] In April 1579, 'Maister Petir Young, elemosinar to his Hienes,' called the attention of the Privy Council to the custom, which had been observed since his Majesty's birth, of serving—on 'Skeir Furisday,' *i.e.* the Thursday before Good Friday, in England known as Maundy Thursday—'sum puyr young boyis,' 'quhairof the nowmer augmentis be ane yeirlie, according to the nowmer of the yeiris of his Hienes aige,' with 'ane coit of blew claith to everie ane, everie ane sex quarteris of blew claith, tua ellis of lynning, sum breid, drink, hard fischis, herring, and sa mony schillingis as his Majestie is of yeiris of aige, with ane litill purse to be hung about thair craigis.' Mr. Peter suggested that the day should be changed 'for supersti[ci]ous caus,' and that 'puyr aigit honest folks' should be chosen instead of boys. The King and Council determined 'that this his Hienes almous salbe gevin in maner following to certane aigit and decayit personis, sumtyme honest houshaldaris, maist misterfull, in nowmer according to the yeiris of his Hienes aige, at the sicht and discretioun of his Hienes elemosinar, and of the majeistratis of the toun quhair his Hienes sall happin to be present for the tyme, upoun the xix day of Junii yeirlie, quhilk is the day of his Hienes nativitie, begynnand upon the xix day of Junii nixt to cum,—that is to say, to everie ane a maid gowne of blew claith, and als mony schillingis of sylvir as his Hienes is of aige' (*Register of Privy Council*, iii. 136, 137). It has been truly said, that, as they had such an interest in the increase of the King's years, 'their intercessions for his prolonged life must have been sincere' (Chambers's *Domestic Annals*, i. 405).

this citee. The sessioun ordanis Henry to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Jonet to be present the said day for triall of the verite thairin.

Die xxvj^to. Junii, anno lxxxiij^o.

The quhilk day, Henry Pittillok grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Jonet Leche, and quhair Jonet allegis the barn that sche is presentlie with to be his barn, he referris the samyn to hir aith *simpliciter*. The sessioun ordanis hir to be warnit thairto this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Pittillok, Leiche, *rij.*

Die decimo Julii, anno lxxxiij^o.

The quhilk day the sessioun ordanis George Blak to deliver to James Steill thair officiar for his yeiris fie xl s. James Steill.

Die decimo septimo Julii, anno lxxxiij^o.

The quhilk day, Elspot Balfour grantis hir to be with barn to James[1] Scott, servand to the Laird of Craighall, and that the barn wes gottin in Craighall. Becaus sche is ane stranger cum in this citee with barn, to the evill exempill of utheris, the sessioun requistis the majestratis to dispasche hir of this citee. *Confessio* Balfour.

Die vigesimo quarto Julii, anno lxxxiij^o.

The quhilk day, Jhone Hwniman feidman[2] confessis he producit at the Lordis Tabill ane fangyeit tikket, quhilk wes gevin him be Dauid Robertsoun, sone to Richert Robertsoun. Androw Broun younger tailyeour lykewyis accusit for presenting him self to the Lordis Tabill, he nocht being at examinatioun, nocht ressavand ane tikket, bot be his maisteris tikket[3]; [he][4] grantit the samyn. *Confessio* Hwniman, Broun.

The quhilk day, Alexander Mansoun, Arthour Miln, Jhone Budege, William Moreis and Androw Swyne, citineris in St. Androus, ar oblist of thair awin fre willis cautionaris for *Obligatio Mansoun, Miln et collegarum, Robertsoun.*

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[1] *James* interlined over *Alexander* deleted.
[2] Rather *seidman* in MS.
[3] *Tikke* in MS.
[4] Omitted.

Alexander Robertsoun cowper; to witt, Alexander Mansoun within the boundis of Cathenis, and the rest within Fyffe; to pay xl ℔. money to the puir, in cais that evir the said Alexander Robertson, quha is this day contractit in mariage with Elspot Moreis, be acclamit be ony uthir woman; and Alexander Robertson oblisis him to relef his saidis cautionaris.

Confessio Ker.

The quhilk day Alexander Ker wrycht grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Jonet Duncane. He submittis him self to discipline, and is content to pay xxx s. to the puir for his impressonment, in part of pament of the pane contenit in Act of Parliament maid thairanent.

Die septimo mensis Augusti, anno octuagesimo tertio.

The land communioun.

The quhilk day the sessioun concludis the land communioun to be ministrated Sunday cum aucht dayis.

Mr. Dauid Russellis offer for Mr. Alexander Arbuthneth minister.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Russell, at requeist of the sessioun, offerris him self willing and reddy to ryd to Abirdein on his awin expenssis, for Mr. Alexander Arbuthneth minister; and to bring ane direct ansuer fra the said Mr. Alexander in wreit, quhidder he will cum or nocht; with this conditioun that the said Mr. Dauid be nocht burdinit to ryde the nixt tyme for the said Mr. Alexander, in cais he condiscend to cum. The sessioun thinkis gude this offer be intimit to Provest bailyeis and consall.

Die Mercurii, vigesimo octavo Augusti, anno lxxxiij°.

The productioun of Mr. Alexander Arbuthnethis ansuer.

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Dauid Russell bailye, quha being send from the consall of town and session to Aberdein, to Mr. Alexander Arbuthneth, Mr. Principall of the College of Abirdein,[1] to desyre him to addres him self to this citee,

[1] Andrew Melville was anxious to secure Principal Smeaton of Glasgow, or Principal Arbuthnot of Aberdeen, as minister of St. Andrews (James Melville's *Diary*, p. 125); but the King forbade the removal of either (*Booke of the Universall Kirk*, ii. 620, 634, 644; *Fasti Aberdonenses*, Spald. Club, p. 299). Both Arbuthnot and Smeaton died next winter; the former on the 10th of October, and the other not long afterwards (Melville's *Diary*, p. 139; Calderwood's *History*, iii. 748). Cosmo Innes, after quoting Spottiswoode's eulogy of Arbuthnot, remarks, 'This is a favourable testimony by the Archbishop to a leader of the anti-episcopal party' (*Fasti Aberdonenses*, p. xxxii.).

to be ordinar pastor of St. Androus, conforme to the generall ordinance of the Generall Assemblie, and the said Mr. Alexanderis promis maid to the town to that effect, and for the said Mr. Alexanderis ansuer thairin. The said Mr. Dauid for diligence producit the said Mr.[1] Alexanderis ansuer, in wreit, direct to the sessioun, quhairof the tenour followis:—The confort of the Holie Sperit for salutatioun. Belovit in the Lord efter my maist hartlie commendatioun, pleis I ressavit your letter, requesting me to addres my self to that charge in St. Androus, according to the ordinance of the last Assemblie, quhilk trewlie I wald maist glaidlie obey, if I wer utherwyis fre, and of honestie and conscience mycht weill leif this rowme; lykeas the beraris of your letter, my Lord of Marche his servitour and Mr. Dauid Russell, hes omittit na diligence to do thair charge, nor na persuasioun to move me to the same effect. Bot, as I haif writin baith to my Lord and the town, of treuth, thair be presentlie sic stoppis and impedimentis of my transporting, and just causis to retein me heir; and cheiflie no sufficient provisioun being maid for this Universite, that nather presentlie can I addres me to remove, nor yit can I see how the same may be haistellie done, without great inconveniencis to this cuintre in generall and to me in particula[r]; quhilk I dowt nocht the Assemblie having dewlie considderit all thingis will ressonablie regard, as your wisdomis also will pacientlie receve, for my present excuis. Referring forder to my writingis send to my Lord, Erle of Marche and the town of St. Androus, for I constantlie affirme that if I may be fre thair is na cumpanie among quhome I wald mair glaidlie travell nor amangis yow, as he knaws quho jugis the secretis of hartis, to quhois almychtie protection I maist hartlie commit yow. From our college the xij of August, your bruth[er] to be commandit in the Lord, M. Arbuthnot. —And forder the said Mr. Dauid declarit that, at the said Mr. Alexanderis desyre, he hes purchest our Soverane Lordis charge, direct to the said Mr. Alexander, to charge him to addres him self heir with all diligence; quhilk charge is

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[1] *Mris* in MS.

directit to him allis with Walter Todrig messinger, and this day aucht dayis with Goddis grace he sall schaw the same charge and executioun thairof, with the said Mr.[1] Alexanderis mynd and ansuer thairin.

Propositio Moreis, Tullois, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Jonet Moreis duelland in Craill proponit hir actioun aganis James Tullois mariner thair, allegeand the said James fyve yeiris sen syne, befoir sche bur him tua barnis and befoir sche hed carnall daill with him, that he maid to hir promis of mariage; and desyrit thairfor all proclamatioun of banni[s] to be maid betuix him and Cathrine Fransche *alias* Latouris to ceas, and na mariage to proceid betuix thame quhill the first promis maid to hir be tryit, as the bill produci[t] be hir this day at lenth beris. Conperit the said James Tullois, quha denyi[t] the said promis, and thairefter the said [*James*—deleted] Jonet referrit the samyn to his ait[h] *simpliciter.* The sessioun, upon gude caus moving thame, continewit the geving of his aith quhill this day aucht dayis, and ordanit him to be presen[t] befoir thame the said day, to gif his aith in the premissis; and thairfor the sessio[un] ordanis the proclamatioun of all bannis betuix him and Cathrine Frans[che] to stay quhill the decisioun of the first promis. Baith the saidis parteis presen[t] warnit to this day aucht dayis *apud acta.*

Ordour to be takin for the wiche.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, at the ressonabill requeist and desyre of the Bischop of St. Androus, desyring thair counsall and advis quhat gude ordour thai toch[t] gude suld be takin for examinatioun of Alesoun Peirsoun, allegit [to] be ane wiche, presentlie impresonat, hes requistit Mr. James Wilky, Rectour, [and] George Blak, to pas to morn to the Prisbittrie, and desyre thair gude consa[ll] and advis thairin, that God may be glorifiit and vice punischit accordi[ng] to the Word of God.[2]

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[1] *Mris* in MS.

[2] The fate of this poor woman is only too certain. James Melville says, that, from April 1582 until August 1583, 'Bischope Adamsone keipit his castle, (lyk a tod in his holl,) seik of a disease of grait fetiditie, and oftymes under the cure of women suspected of witchcraft, namlie, an wha confessit hir to haiff lernit medecin of an callit Mr. Wilyeam Simsone, that apeired divers tymes to hir efter his dead, and gaiff hir a buik, etc. This woman being examined be the Presbyterie, and fund a witche, in thair judgment, was giffen to the Bischope to be keipe in his castle for execution, bot he sufferit hir to slipe away; bot within thrie or

Die xj° Septembris, anno lxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, in the caus persewit be Jonet Moreis aganis James Tullos, allegeand him to haif[1] maid promis of mariage to the said Jonet, desiring thairfor the proclamatioun of bannis betuix James and Cathrine Latouris *alias* Fransche to stay quhill the first promis be tryit; the sessioun eftir triall takin findand the promis maid betuix the said James Tullois and Jonet Moreis to be privat, aganis the ordinance of the kirk, ordanis the bannis to proceid, and thairefter mariage betuix him and Cathrine Fransche; and ordanis James to satisfie the

Decretum Tullois, Moreis.

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four yeirs thairefter sche was takin, and execut in Edinbruche for a witche' (Melville's *Diary*, Wod. Soc. p. 137). From Melville's statement it might be inferred that when she was at length executed she suffered under the judgment of the Presbytery; but she was tried and condemned by the High Court of Justiciary in 1588, and curiously enough the entry in the text shows that while her case was brought before the Presbytery by the session, it was the Bishop who called the attention of the session to her. According to Sempill's scurrilous *Legend of the Bischop of St. Androis Lyfe*, this was the third witch consulted by Patrick Adamson. There she is described as—

'Ane carling of the Quene of Phareis,
That evill win geir to elphyne careis;
Through all Braid Albane scho hes bene,
On horsbak on Hallow ewin.'

Dalyell's *Scotish Poems of the Sixteenth Century*, p. 321.

Of the thirteen jurymen who tried her six were St. Andrews men, and of these four were maltmen. Three of them as deacons were members of the Kirk-session, viz., David Guidlett, maltman, Charles Watsoun, notary, and John Hegie, maltman. From her confession it would seem that she was far from being an old woman, although 'scho wes cuming and gangand to Sanct Androus in hailling of folkis, thir saxtene yeiris bypast.' Her relative, Mr. William Sympsoun, 'tauld hir that the Bischop of Sanct Androus had mony seiknessis, as the trimbling fever, the palp, the rippillis and the flexus; and baid hir mak ane saw and rub it on his cheikis, his craig, his breist, stommak and sydis: and siclyke, gaif her directiounis to use the yow mylk, or waidraue with the herbis, claret wyne; and with sume uther thingis scho gaif him ane sottin fowll; and that scho maid ane quart att anis, quhilk he drank att twa drachtis, twa sindrie dyetis.' As a Scotch quart is equal to an imperial gallon the Bishop must have had a royal draught. 'The particulars of the procedure which took place in court, and of the sentence pronounced against this unhappy woman, are not inserted in the Record: there is merely a marking in the margin of the Record, "*Convicta et combusta.*" The scene of her suffering was likely the Castle-hill of Edinburgh, where, after being "wirreit at ane staik," she would be "brint in assis"' (Pitcairn's *Criminal Trials*, vol. i. part ii. pp. 161-165).

[1] *Haif haif* in MS.

kirk befoir solemnizatioun for his inconstancie; and to bring ane sufficient testimoniall thairof, and that he hes satisfeit for the fornicatioun committit betuix him and Jonet Moreis, fra the minister of Craill.

Propositio Michell, Lyell.

The quhilk day, in the caus of injuris persewit be [*Jonet Moreis*—deleted] Maws Michell aganis Margret Lyell, the said Margret laidfullie warnit to this day, oftimes callit and nocht conperand, the sessioun statut to the said Maus to preif hir bill this day aucht dayis; and ordanit the said Margret to be warnit thairto.—And baith the parteis purges thame selfis of carnall copulatioun togidder.

Die xviij° Septembris, anno lxxxiij°.

Obligatio et monitio Peblis, Bell.

The quhilk day, Jhone Peblis and Maly Bell, being baith present, accusit for fornicatioun committit betuix thame, for procreation of ane madin[1] barn gottin in fornicatioun, the session ordanis thame baith to be impresonit, and thairefter to mak publict humiliatioun. And siclyke, Jhone Peblis with his awin consent is decernit to tak the barn away fra Malie Bell at Witsonday nixttocum, and thairefter to sustein the barne on his awin expensis in all tyme cuming. And Malie oblisis hir to sustein the barn quhill Witsonday on hir expensis, and for fourty s. quhilk Jhone Peblis oblisis him to pay to hir thairfor, and Malie grantis hir [to haif][2] ressavit xx s. in hand in part of pament thairof.

Die primo mensis Octobris, anno lxxxiij°.

Commissionaris electit to the Synodall Assemble.

The quhilk day, the sessioun of the ministrie of Sanctandrous hes with commoun consent electit Mris. Dauid Russell, Martine Geddy, William Cok and James Smyth, or ony twa of thame, commissionaris to conpeir in the Synodall Assemblie, to be haldin at St. Androus the secund day of October instant, and thair to assist consult ressoun voit and concluit in all thingis, with the said Assemblie, concerning the furtherans of Godis glorie and proffeit of his kirk.

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[1] *Madin* is in the margin without any connecting mark. [2] Omitted.

Die nono mensis Octobris, anno lxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, as the day appointit and assignit to all maner of personis haiveing voit within this citee, to conpeir to object aganis the personis nominated to be elderis and deaconis for this yeir incuming, na persoun nor personis conperand to object, the sessioun findis the personis nominated elegibill, and thairfor ordanis the electioun to pas forderward. Elderis, Deaconis.

Die decimo sexto mensis Octobris, anno lxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, anent the bill producit be Grissell Miller aganis Charlis Ramsay, twiching ane madin barn procreat betuix thame in fornicatioun, Grissell referrit to the aith of Charlis *simpliciter*, quhidder he will grant the barn to be his or nocht; quha, being solemnatle suorn, maid faith he culd nocht presentle cleirle depone. Thairfor the sessioun statut to him to conpeir this day aucht dayis to depone and declair his conscience; with certificatioun, if he failye, he salbe hed *pro confesso.* Baith Charlis and Grissell warnit thairto *apud acta.* Ramsay, Miller.

The quhilk day Margret Kynneir confessis sche is with barn to Alexander Mane. Sche submittis hir self to discipline, and ordanit to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum. Kynneir, Mane.

Die vigesimo quarto mensis Octobris, anno Domini j^m v^c octuagesimo tertio.

Elderis and deaconis votit electit and chosin.

Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour of the Universite of Sanctandrous
Mr. James Martine, Provest of St. Saluatouris College
Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, ane of the maisteris of the New College
Mr. Dauid Russell, bailye
Mr. Martine Geddy, bailye
James Robertsoun
Williame Ferry
Mr. William Cok
Alexander Carstaris
Williame Lermonth
Alexander Wynsister
James Mortoun.

Up on land.
Androw Wod of Straythwethy
Mr. Androw Aytoun of Kynnaldy.

Deaconis votit electit and chosin.

George Blak
William Zwill
Charlis Watsoun
Patrik Gutherie
Duncane Leiche
Dauid Guidlaid
Patrik Playfeir
Androw Watsoun.

Up on land.
Martine Carstrophein in Byrehillis
Thomas Venesoun in Kyncapill
Dauid Pattoun in Eister Balrymonth.

Ratificatioun of the actis and statutis.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deaconis aboif writin affirmit ratifiit and apprevit the haill statutis and ordinances of the sessioun, maid upon the fyft of November in the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} threscoir tuelf yeiris; and ar all oblist and suorn to keip the samyn, and all utheris statutis ma[id] for gude ordour [and][1] discipline in this buik.

Ramsay, Miller.

The quhilk day, the aith of Charlis Ramsay to be takin is continewit to this da[y] xv dayis; and in the meanetyme the sessioun ordanis Grissell Miller present to caus Issobell Thomsoun maidwyfe in Middilfudy, Issobell Fair[full], and Issobell Farny in Darsy Miln, Dauid[2] and Beigis Ingram thair, to be heir present befoir the session, to ansuer *super inquirendis* this day aucht day[is]. And thai baith confess that thai hed diveris uther tymes carnall daill togid[der], befoir that tyme quhilk thai confessit in the Act maid the xvj of Januar lxxxij yeiris. Bot Charlis allegis the barn can noch[t] be his, in respect that it is born ane moneth befoir Witsonday last wes, as Grissell confessis in hir bill, quhilk is nyne oukis befoir the tyme.

Die penultimo Octobris, anno lxxxiij^{o}.

Ramsay, Miller.

The quhilk day, in the terme appointit to Grissell Miller to produce the witnes mentionat in the last act, to ansuer *super inquirendis* in the caus movit be hir aganis Charlis Ramsay, conperit the said Grissell, quha producit Issobell Thomsoun madwyffe, Issobell Farny and Begis Ingram witnes,

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[1] Omitted.

[2] *Daud* in MS.

sworn ressavit and examinat, na thing aganis thame opponit, as thair depositionis heirefter beris, to witt, the said Issobell Thomsoun deponis that sche wes maidwyffe to the said Grissell tyme of hir birth liter, and that sche hard Grissell say that the barn wes Charlis Ramsayis barne, and tuik the samyn on hir conscience, and that sche suir solemnatlie that sche nevir knew man carnalie bot the said Charlis onlie, and that the barn wes born to the tyme. Jssobell Farny and Issobell Ingram witnes deponis conforme to the former witnes. And now Charlis and Grissell being confrontit grantis that thai hed diveris uther tymes carnall daill, and ofter nor anis baith sensyne and befoir the tyme that Grissell allegis the barn wes gottin, quhilk is mentionat in the first Act of this caus. Bot Charlis sayis that he hed nocht to do with hir ane yeir befoir viij dayis befoir Michaelmes wes ane yeir. The session statutis to pronunce in the said mater the xx day of November nixttocum. The parties present warnit heirto, and Charlis being requirit if he knew ony uther to haif hed carnall daill with Grissell, or if he suspecit ony uther to be the barnis father, declarit that he knew nane.

Die vigesimo Novembris, anno lxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Scharp baxter and cravit v li. viij d. for sevin yeiris bread bygane, furnisit be him to the communion. Alexr. Scharpe.

The quhilk day, anent the bill persewit be Grissell Miller aganis Charlis Ramsay tailyeour, makand mention that quhair, ane moneth befoir Witsonday last wes, sche bure ane madin barn to the said Charlis, gottin be him on hir in fornicatioun, as yit on baptizit, desyring hir selfe to be ressavit to humiliatioun for hir offence, and the barn to be baptizit, and the said Charlis decernit to hald up the barn to baptisme, and to sustein the barn in tymes cuming as his awin barn; the session, in respect of the said Charlis confession, that he hes hed diveris tymes carnall daill with the said Grissell, and that he, being requirit to nominat ony uther man quhom he knew or suspectit to haif hed carnall daill with the said Grissell, culd nocht nor wald nocht; and in respect of the depositionis of diveris and *Decretum* Ramisay, Miller.

sindry honest witnes, examinat in the said mater for triall of the treuth, and als efter lang triall consultatioun and mature deliberatioun, pronuncis and decernis the said Charlis to be the father of the said madin barn; and ordanis him to hald up the said barn to baptisme, efter that Grissell hes satisfeit the[1] kirk and maid publict humiliatioun for hir offence, conforme to the ordour; and ordanis Grissell to be warnit thairto, and Charlis to hald up the barn thairefter to baptisme, under the pane of publict admonitioun and disobedience; and forder punisment to be usit aganis thame conforme to the actis of the kirk; and remittis the sustentatioun of the barn to be decidit be the juge compitent.

Die xxvij° Novembris.

Ordour to be takin for ane minister and mariages, *rij.*

The quhilk day, it is thocht gude that the haill membris of this sait be warnit to this day aucht dayis,[2] to consult quhat gude ordour salbe takin in tymes cuming, twiching the contracting of mariages, quhidder if the parteis sall cum to the kirk or nocht to be contractit; and siclyke to tak gude ordour for electing of ane minister and pastour to this congregatioun.

Die xj mensis Decembris, anno lxxxiij.

Ordour for electing ane minister, xv [dayis].

The quhilk day, Schir Patrik Lermonth, of Darsy, knycht, Provest of St. Androis, present with the sessioun, promisis to caus gude ordour be takin for electing of ane minister to this congregatioun within xv dayis, and that the kirk salbe na langer frustrat.

Die xviij° mensis Decembris, anno lxxxiij°.

Confessio Ostiane, Maknair, *rij.* Satisfeit.

The quhilk day, conperit Jonet Ostiane, quha confessis sche hes borne ane barne to Donald Maknair, quhilk wes gottin in hir fatheris hous, and born viij oukis sen syne. The sessioun ordanis to warn the said Donal[d] to be present this day viij dayis with the said Jonet.

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[1] *And* in MS. [2] *Day* in MS.

The quhilk day, conperit Bessy Rowill and confessis sche is with barne to William Balfour maltman, and that sche hed first daill with him in his aw[in] chalmer, thre owkis efter Lammes last wes. The sessioun ordanis William to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Thomas Fenton, maister to Bessy, to be warnit and accusit for nocht reveling the falt.—Balfour hes satisfet. *Confessio* Rowill, Balfour, *rij.*

The quhilk day, it is delatit that Alexander Milleris tua sonis ar inobedient to him, and that thai, with Nicholl Mane, William Bruce and utheri[s], thair complices, playit in the golf feildis Sonday last wes, tyme of fast and precheing, aganis the ordinances of the kirk. The sessi[oun] ordanis thame to be warnit and accusit thairfor. Dilatioun Miller, Mane, &c.

Die xxv mensis Decembris, anno lxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, Donald Maknair present with Jonet Oistiane confessis that the bar[n] quhilk Jonet hes born is his barn, gottin on hir in fornicatioun. Thai ar bait[h] decernit to mak humiliatioun for thair offence, and ilk ane to pay xiij s. iiij d. [to] the puir in part of pament of the Act of Parliament, and sowme contenit thairin.—Thai ha[if] baith satisfeit all thingis. *Confessio* Mcnair, Oistiane.

The quhilk day, William Balfour maltman confessis the barn quhilk Bessy Rowill is present[lie] with is his barn, gottin in fornicatioun. He is decernit to mak humiliatioun and to pay xl s. [to][1] the puir, and Bessy to pay xiij s. iiij d., for thair impress[on]ment, in part of pament of the sowme contenit in the Act of Parliament. Balfour, Rowill.

The quhilk day, conperit Dauid Muffett and Emmy Paty, quha grantis tha[i] haif hed carnall daill togidder, and that Emmy is with barn to Dauid. Thai ar baith decernit to mak humiliatioun, and Dauid to pay xx s. to the puir in part of pament of the Act, and Emmy to enter in presson. *Confessio* Muffett, Paty. Satisfeit.[2]

Die primo mensis Januarii, anno lxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, conperit Betrix Murray, servand to Patrik Gutherie, and grantis hir to be with barn to George Cwning- *Confessio* Mwrray, Cwninghame.

[1] Omitted. [2] This *satisfeit* is inserted between *Muffett* and *Paty*.

hame. The sessioun ord[a]nis hir to mak humiliatioun for hir offence, and George to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Beatrix to be present with him.—Murray hes satisfeit.

Confessio Weland, Moir.

The quhilk day, Beatrix Weland confessis sche is with barn to William Moi[r]. The sessioun ordanis hir to mak humiliatioun for hir offence, a[nd] William to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Beatrix ordanit to be present with him.

Reif.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Cristene Reif, servand to Androw Wrycht, to be warnit to this day viij dayis.

Confessio Mane, Kynneir.

The quhilk day Alexander Mane grantis the barn born be Margret Kynneir to be his barn gottin in fornicatioun. The sessioun ordanis him to pay xx s. to the puir in part of pament of the Act, and to mak publict humiliatioun, and ane plege to be deliverit for Margretis satisfaction, quhilkis being all done than the barn to be baptizit.

Die Mercurii, octavo Januarii, anno lxxxiij°.

Confessio Scheves, Diplein. Sa.

The quhilk day, Thomas Scheves, sone to Thomas Scheves in Byrehillis, grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Elspot Dipling in this citee. He offeris him self to discipline, and oblisis him self to pay xl s. to the use of the puir in part of pament of the Act for his impressonment, or ellis to enter in presson. The sessioun ordanis him to be warnit thairto, and Elspot to this day aucht dayis.

Moir, Weland, *rij.*

The quhilk day, William Moir, being warnit to this day, and accusat for committing fornicatioun with Beatrix Weland, producis ane bill aganis the said Beatrix, makand mentioun that the said Beatrix suld haif said to him that he suld nevir be the barnis father, bot ane man callit Jaimes, duelling in Kellie within the parrochin of Carnebe, and thai call his mother Agnes Traill, as the said bill at mair lenth contenis, in presens of the said Beatrix, denyand the samyn, and said that sche nevir knew man carnalie bot the said William Moir alanerlie. Thai baith confes that it is thre yeiris sen thai hed first carnall daill togidder, and mony tymes sen syne. And Beatrix sayis that the barn wes gottin the tyme that the Kingis Majestie wes last in this citee, and upon the fourt day efter his Gracis cuming, at ten houris at evin, in the stray hous

under the over-girnell in the Abbay of St. Androus; and oftimes sensyne thai haif lyin togidder. And William Moir, being inquirit if he knew ony uther man to haif hed carnall daill with hir, declaris he knawis nane. The sessioun thairfor ordanis Moir to preif Weland to haif hed carnall daill with ane uther man, this day aucht dayis, in presens of Weland warnit heirto *apud acta.*

The quhilk day, becaus George Cwninghame and Beatrix Mwrray, and als Cristene Reif servand to Androw Wrycht, hes bein warnit of befoir and conperit nocht, the sessioun ordanis thame to be warnit agane for the secund tyme. Cwninghame, Murray, Reif.

Die decimo quinto mensis Januarii, anno lxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, in the terme appointit to William Moir to preif Beatrix Weland to haif hed carnall daill with ane uther man, conforme to the Act maid the viij day of Januar instant, becaus William Moir being laidfullie warnit to this day to that effect conperit nocht, and failyeit in probatioun; and in respect of his confessioun maid in the said Act, grantand carnall daill with the said Beatrix; thairfor the sessioun, and for diveris utheris gude causis moving thame, decernis William Moir to be the father of the barn Beatrix is presentlie with; and ordanis thame baith to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordinances of the kirk.—Weland and Moir hes payit xxvj s. viij d. for thair impressonment, in part of pament of the Act. *Decretum* Moir, Weland.

The quhilk day, Cristene Reif grantis sche is with barn to James Forret, servand to James Lentroun; and that the barn wes gottin in Jhone Forrettis hous in this citee. The sessioun ordanis Forret to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Cristene to be than present with him. *Confessio* Reif, Forrett, *rij.* Sa.

The quhilk day, Issobell Kedzow, servand to George Greg, grantis sche is with barin to William Wilsoun, servand to Thomas Ade,[1] quhilk wes gottin ane moneth befoir Martimes last wes, in the hie gait betuix this and Coupar. The sessioun *Confessio* Kedzow, Wilsoun, *rij.*

[1] Interlined over *Wilsoun.*

ordanis William to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Issobell to be present with him, and sche is relappis.—Kedzow hes satisfeit.

Clerk.

The sessioun ordanis the breikis to be deliverit to Robert Clerk quhen he sittis upon the stuill of repentance and makis[1] humiliation for his offence.—Satisfeit.

Die xxij° mensis Januarii, anno lxxxiij°.

Repentance befoir mariage, Gulen, Miller.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Duncane Gulene and Beatrix Miller, quha ar this day contractit in mariage, becaus thai hai[f] committit fornicatioun befoir the mariage and contract, to sitt baith upon the penitent stuill, the Sunday befoir the mariage and mak repentance.

Confessio Forrett, Reif, *rij.* Sa.

The quhilk day, James Forret grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Cristene Reif, the xiiij and xv dayis of October last we[s], and can nocht say if the barn Cristene be with is his bar[n] or nocht; and if the [barn][2] being born cummis to his reckining he is content to tak thairwith; and sayis that [he][2] hed twois to do with hir and na mair. He and Reif baith is ordanit *apud acta* to be heir this day aucht dayis for forder triall.

Confessio Wilsoun, Dik. Sa.

The quhilk day, Issobell Wilsoun in Byrhillis present sayis sche he[s] born ane madin barn in fornicatioun to James Dik young[er], quhilk wes gottin in Patrik Hunteris hous in this citee, thre ouikis befoir the Sengze day last wes; and that sche hed to do with him sindry tymes thair, at the none tyid of the day; and that the ba[rn] wes borne fyve oukis sensyne on ane Friday. The sessioun ordanis thame baith to be present this day aucht dayis; and Ja[mes] Dik elder present takis the burding on him, to caus his son be present this day aucht dayis befor the session.

Confessio Kedzow. Sa. Wilson.

The quhilk day, William Wilsoun grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Issobell Kedzow at the tyme sche confessis in the last Act, and thre dayis immediatle thairefter, and never sensyne.—Issobell Kedzow hes satisfeit.

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[1] *Mak* in MS. [2] Omitted.

Die xxix° Januarii, anno lxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, Agnes Bailze and Jhone Suntar baith present grantis that thai haif lying togidder in fornicatioun, and Agnes is with barne to Jhone. The sessioun ordanis thame to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.—Agnes Bailze hes satisfeit, and als Sunter. *Confessio* Suntar, A.[1] Bailze.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Dauid Gilruif and Issobell Russell to mak publict humiliatioun, for fornicatioun committit b[e] thame befoir thair contract of mariage; and thairefter mariage to proceid, utherwyis nocht.—Sa. Repentance for fornicatioun befoir mariage, Gilruif, A.[1] Russell.

The caus of fornicatioun betuix James Dik and Issobell Wilsoun is continewit to this day aucht dayis. *Rij.* Sa.

The quhilk day, James Forrett and Cristene Reif baith present, aggreand upon the tyme of fornicatioun committit betuix thame, as in the Act the xxij of Januar instant, ar decernit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.—Reif hes satisfeit. Reif, Forret. Sa.

The quhilk day, Cristene Sandis, duelling with James Ramsay tailyeour, grantis sche is with barne to Edward Sinclar in Orknay. The barne wes gottin in James Dikkis hous in this citee, xv dayis befoir latter Marie day last wes. —Cristene Reif[2] hes satisfeit. *Confessio* Sandis, Sinclair.

The quhilk day, William Moreis grantis he hes hed to do carnale with Jonet[3] Mortoun twa sindry nichtis, in Jhone Budge hous yonger wricht: he submittis him self to discipline. The said [*Bessy*—deleted] Jonet is delatit also to haif hed carnall daill with Androw Forrett cultellar, and with ane servand of Androw Hageis walker, named Androw Watt. The sessioun ordanis thame all to be warnit to this day aucht dayis for triall. *Confessio* Mortoun, Moreis, Sa. Forrett, *rij.*

Die quinto Februarii, anno lxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, Jonet Mortoun confesis sche is with barn to William Moreis, quhilk wes gottin xiiij dayis efter Witsonday last wes; and that thai haif hed mony sindry tymes to do *Confessio* Mortoun, Mores.

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[1] *A.* probably stands for *actitat.* [2] *Sic.* [3] Interlined over *Bessy* deleted.

togidder. The sessioun ordanis thame to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.—William hes satisfeit. William Mores hes satisfeit.[1]

Sa.

Dik, Wilsoun. Sa.

The quhilk day, James Dik and Issobell Wilsoun confrontit, sche sayis that he hed to do with hir thre sindry tymes in the places specifiit in the first Act. Now James confessis twois, anis in the cheir and ane uther tyme at the fyre syde, in Patrik Huntaris hous. The sessioun contenewis the mater to this day aucht dayis for forder triall.

Mr. Henry Leiche and Thomas Wod ar ressavit on the session.

The quhilk day, it is tocht gude be the Prisbittre, consall of the town, and sessioun, that Mr. Henry Leiche and Thomas Wod[2] vicar of St. Androus be on the sessioun for this present yeir, quhill God provide ane ordinar pastour to this flok. Thairfor thai being present ar baith solemnatle suorn to observe the actis and statutis of the session, conforme to the godlie ordour observit in this session.

Confessio Elene Wilsoun.

The quhilk day, conperit Elene Wilsoun, presentlie duelland with the Laird of Kynkell in Anstrother, confessis sche hes born ane man cheild gottin in fornicatioun on hir be Jhone Monipenny, father bruther to the Laird Kynkell, quhilk wes gottin in William Monipenneis hiche chalmer in this citee, viij dayis befoir Zwill in[3] the lxxxij yeris; and the samyn wes born xiiij dayis befoir Michaelmes last wes. Sche desyrand hir barn to be baptizit, the sessioun ordanis Jhone Monipenny [to][4] conpeir befoir thame, and declair his conscience in the premisis; and thairefter satisfaction to be maid be thame to the kirk, and than the barn to be baptizit, utherwys nocht.

Die undecimo mensis Februarii, anno lxxxiij°.

Confessio Richertsoun, Lawmonth, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Jonet Richertsoun confessis sche hes hed carnall daill with James Lawmonth, sone to Henry Lawmonth, and that sche trowis sche is with barn to him. The first tyme sche hed to do with him wes in Henry Lawmonthis foir

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[1] *Satifeit* in MS.

[2] This is the Thomas Wod referred to, *supra*, p. 40, n. [2]. An attempt seems to have been made to scrape out *vicar*.

[3] *In in* in MS.

[4] Omitted.

chalmer, ane moneth efter Michaelmes last wes, and that sche hes hed mony sindry tymes [to] do with him sen syne. The sessioun ordanis James Lawmonth to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Jonet to be than present with him.

The quhilk day, Cathrine Leiche confessis sche is with barn to Thomas Monipenny. An[d] Thomas and sche confrontit, baith present confessis thai haif hed mony sindry tyme[s] to do togidder, baith in Walter Finlosonis hous and his buith. Thai baith aggr[e] upon the tyme. Thai ar decernit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour. *Confes* Monipenny, Leiche.

The quhilk day, James Dik hes payit for the impressoment of him and Jssobe[ll] Wilsoun his harlott xx s., in part of pament of the Act of Parliament. Thai a[r] decernit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour, and thairefter the barn procreat betuix thame to be baptizit.—Satisfeit.[1] Dik, Wilsoun. Sa.

Mr. Martine Geddy confessis he hes tane cautioun for Dauid Muffett, that he sall mak humiliatioun for fornicatioun committit with Emmy Paty quhen he salbe chargit.—Satisfeit. Mwffett. Sa.

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Die decimo nono mensis Februarii, anno j^m v lxxxiij^o.

The quhilk day, it is thocht gude and concludit be the sessioun, for eschewing of inconvenientis in tymes cuming, that quhen ony man hes ane barne to be baptizit, that the father of the barn if he be at hame for the tyme, failyeing thairof ane uther faithfull nichbour in his name, cum to the redar and tua of the saitt and signifie the samyn—that na adultraris nor fornicatouris barnis be baptizit—and that the nicht befoir the baptisme, utherwyis that nane be ressavit to baptism[e] for the tyme. Anent ressaving of barnis to baptisme.

Die xxvj^to Februarii, anno j^m v^c lxxxiij^o.

The quhilk day, Jonet Richertsoun and James Lawmonth confessis thai haif diveris tymes committit fornicatioun togidder, and that Jonet is with barn to James. The sessioun *Confessio* Lawmonth, Richertsoun.

[1] *Satifeit* in MS.

ordanis thame to be impressonit and to mak humiliatioun for thair offence conforme to the ordour.

Confessio Diplein, Scheves. Sa.

The quhilk day Elspot Diplein confessis sche hes born ane madin barn in fornicatioun to Thomas Scheves. The session ordanis hir to be impresso[nit], and to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.—Baith satisfeit.

Skirling, *rij.*

The quhilk day, becaus Robert Skirling, being oftimes warnit be the offic[iar] to conpeir befoir the sessioun, for fornicatioun committit be him with Agne[s] Methven, conperit nocht bot contempteuslie disobeyit; thairfor the sessioun ordanis him to be publiclie summond upon Sonday nixttocu[m], to conpeir befoir the sessioun this day aucht dayis, to ansuer for the premissis under pane of disobedience.

Die undecimo Martii, anno lxxxiij°.

Confessio[1] Jofray, Pery. Sa.

The quhilk day, Henry Jofray and Alesoun Perie, present, grantis thai haif committit fornicatioun be procreatioun of ane madin barne. Thai ar decernit to mak humiliatioun Sonday cum aucht dayis, and thairefter thair barne to be baptizit.—Satisfeit.

Confessio Robertsoun, Clerk. Continewatioun of thair mariage.

The quhilk day, the sessioun continewis the contracting of William Robertsoun and Issobell Clerk, quhill thai first mak humiliatioun for fornicatioun, confessit committit betuix thame; and also quhill the said Issobell bring and produce ane sufficient testimoniall fra the ministrie of Craill, quhair sche hes satisfeit the kirk, for adultrie committit be hir with Androw Peris in the town of Craill, as sche confessit, be bering of ane barn to him; and in the meanetyme ordanis thame to mak humiliatioun for the said fornicatioun.

Skirling.

The quhilk day, Robert Skirling hes payit xx s., and he to pay vj s. viij d. mair within xv dayis, to the puir; and to sitt on the penitent stuill Sonday nixttocum or Sonday cum aucht [dayis][2] at the farrest, under pane of publict admonitioun; and thairefter the barne to be baptizit, quhilk is procreat in fornicatioun betuix him and Agnes Methven.

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[1] *Confesso* in MS.

[2] Omitted.

Die xviij° Martii, anno lxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, conperit Cristene Mwir, quha grantis that sche, the xvij day of Marche instant, in the nicht, past outwith the South Gait Port of this citee, and thair committit the filthy crime of adultrie with James Neilsoun duelling in Tessis Miln; and that sche also befoir committit the filthy vice of adultrie with Androw Erle of Rothes, and that sche buir ane madin barn to the said Lord at Alhallowmes last wes in adultrie. The sessioun requeistis the Rectour to signifie the samyn to the Prisbitrie, that ordour may be takin heirwith, becaus the transgressouris duellis outwith thair jurisdictioun. *Confessio Mwir, Neilsoun, adulterii.*

The quhilk day, it is delatit to the sessioun that Margret Moncur hes hed carnall daill with Jhone Jak sklater, and with Jhone Motto, sone to umquhill Androw Motto; and also Cathrne Arthouris dochter is with barn; and siclyke that Bessy Forsyth hes born ane barn in fornicatioun to Mr. Patrik Myrtoun. The sessioun ordanis the wemen to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer *super inquirendis.* Moncur, Rutherfurd, Forsyth, to be warnit, *rij.*

Die xxv^to Martii, anno lxxxiiij^to.

The quhilk [day],[1] conperit Jonet Brountoun, quha confessis sche hes born ane barn in fornicatioun to Archibald Forbes within this parroche. The sessioun ordanis hir to mak humiliatioun, and to be impressonit for hir offence; and Archibald to be warnit how sone he may be apprehendit. *Confessio* Brountoun.

The quhilk day, the sessioun with commoun consent hes electit Schir Patrik Lermonth of Darsy, knycht, Provest of St. Androus, Mr. Dauid Russell, bailye, and Mr. James Martine, Provest of the Auld College, commissionaris to conpeir in the Synodall Assemblie, to be haldin at St. Androus the xxv of Marche instant, to assist consult[2] ressoun voit and concluid in all thingis, with the said Assemblie, to the glorie of God, mentinance of the religioun, and weill of Christis Kirk. Commissionaris electit to the Synodall Assemblie.

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[1] Omitted.

[2] *Consuld* in MS.

Die primo mensis Aprilis, anno lxxxiiij^to.

Commission to the majestratis for ane pressoun hous. Moncur.

The quhilk day, the sessioun requeistis the majestratis of this citee to call Margret Moncur judicialie befoir thame; becaus sche is inobedient to the voce of the kirk, and will nocht declair quha is hir barnis father, now neir thre yeir auld, in hir cumpanie within this citee on baptizit; requesting also the majestratis that sche may thoill the sentment[1] of ane condigne assyis for the samyn, and for the great sklander sche gevis to this congregatioun; requesting also the majestratis to proovid for ane pressoun hous for faltours, and cheiflie to prepair the samyn quhair it wes anes devyit,[2] on the north part of the north ile of the parroch[e] kirk. Mr. Dauid Russell and Mr. Martine Geddy, bailyes, present, acceptis the samyn commissioun in and upon thame, promising to report ansuer thairof this day aucht dayis.

Decretum contra Kellie.

The quhilk day, Margret Kellie is decernit to remoif the on baptizit barne out of hir cumpanie and houshald; and also, becaus sche hes retenit the barne salang with hir on baptizit aganis the ordinance of the sessioun, sche is decernit [to][3] sitt upon the penitent stuill and bring the said barne with hir upon Sonday nixttocum, and to mak publict humiliatioun for the samyn.

Die octavo mensis Aprilis, anno lxxxiiij^to.

Testimoniall grantit to Elspot Walker.

The quhilk day, conperit Elspot Walker, induellar within the citee of St. Androus, befoir the sess[ioun] and ministrie thairof, and producit hir bill, makand mentioun that quhair, at Martimes ten yeiris sensy[ne], sche wes, according to the law of God and ordinance of the kirk, lauchtfullie mariit, with[in] the kirk of St. Androus, with Androw Wilsoun tailyeour, than duelling in the Eist Burn Wy[nd] of the said citee; and that the said Androw, without ony occasioun or notabill offence o[r] ony devorcement, at Candilmes nixt efter the mariage, aganis the law of God, seperatit him selfe fra hir societie; and that sche wes trewlie informit the said Andro

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[1] Sentment or sensyment, judgment.

[2] Probably a mistake for *devysit*.

[3] Omitted.

wes mariit with ane uther woman, ather within the parrochynnis of Leith or Crawmonth; and thairfor desyrit of the session act and testimoniall of the said mariage. Quhilk desyre the said sessioun and ministrie thocht ressonabill, quhairfor, efter the inspectioun of the band, and examinatioun of diveris and sindry fam[ous] witnes, hes fund that the said Elspot wes laidfullie mariit with the said Androw in ma[ner] forsaid; and thairfor ordanis the extract and attentik copy heiroof to be deliverit to h[ir], for trew testimoniall of the said mariage.

Confessio Moncur, Watsoun, *rij.*

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Moncur, quha, being inquirit be the sessioun, quha is the father of the barne, quhilk sche hes borne an[d] kepit this lang tyme in hir cumpanie on baptizit, ansueris o[n] hir conscience that the said barne is Dauid Watsonis barne, and that he i[s] the father thairof, gottin be him on hir in Cathrine Morreis foir hous on the north syde of the South Gait of this citee, sex oukis befoir St. Androus day, four yeir sensyne last bygane; and that hir barne wes born at latter Marrie day nixt thairefter; and that sche hed to do with him diveris uther tymes that samyn winteer. The sessioun ordanis Dauid Watson to be warni[t] to ansuer thairto this day aucht dayis, and Moncur warnit to the samyn da[y] *apud acta*, to be confrontit.

Brentoun, Hunter.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis the officiar to charge Patrik Hunter t[o] remoif Jonet Brentoun out of his houshald and famile, with all dilig[ence], under pane of disobedience.

Die decimo quinto mensis Aprilis, anno lxxxiiij[to.]

Accusatio[1] *Dauidis Watsoun.*

The quhilk day, Dauid Watsoun—being warnit to this day, and conperand befoir the sessioun, and accusit upon the dilatioun gevin in on him this day aucht dayis be Margret Moncur—declaris on his conscience that he nevir knew the said Margret carnalie, and that he is nocht hir barnis father.

Confessio Kellie, Muffett, Lawmonth.

The quhilk day, Margret Kellie, being present befoir the sessioun, declaris on hir conscience, safer as sche belevis, that the barne, quhilk sche hes hed in hir companie salang in buirding, is Henry Lawmonthis barne; and forder sayis that

[1] *Confessio* in MS.

upon Mononday last wes, the xiij of Aprile instant, Jhone Thowles, servand to Henry Lawmonth, deliverit to hir, in Henry Lawmonthis name, tuenty s. money; and desyrit hir in the said Henreis name to depart furth of this citee for ane litill tyme, quhill he speik with his gude sone Alane Cuninghame [*to tak with the barne*—deleted]; and forder declaris that, within this quarter of yeir last wes, the said Jhone Thowles deliverit to hir ane half merk steik[1] in Henreis name; and siclyke declaris this samyn present day Gelis Muffett, spous to Thomas Narne, send for hir and desyrit hir to gif ane bill in befoir the sessioun, and say that the barnis father is furth of this citee, that sche may haif delay, and nocht to enter upon the penitent stuill, quhill the barnis father cum heir agane. And now the said Gelis being callit befoir the sessioun grantis the samyn, and that sche did the samyn at the desyre and requeist of Henry Lawmonthis wyffe. The sessioun continewis Margret Kelleis cuming to the stulle of repentance, quhill forder triall be hed in this mater, and ordanis Jhone Thowles to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

Die xxij° mensis Aprilis, anno lxxxiiij^to.

Commissionaris electit to the Generall Assemblie.

The quhilk day, the sessioun and ministrie of St. Androus hes electit Schir Patrik Lermonth, of Darsy, knycht, Provest of St. Androus, Mr. Martine Geddy, bailye, and Mr. William Cok, commissionaris to conpeir in the Generall Assemblie, to be haldin at St. Androus the xxiiij of Aprile instant, to mak instance for ane minister and ordinar pastour for the kirk of St. Androus; and to assist ressoun voit concluid and determin in all thingis, with the said Assembl[ie], for the outsetting of Goddis glorie, mentinance of the religioun, and punismen[t] of vice.

Thowles, *rij.*

The quhilk day, becaus Jhone Thowles, servand to Henry

[1] *Steikis* were small Anglo-Saxon coins. 'It is undoubtedly an improper application of *styc*, *stuca*, *styca*, which denoted a small brass coin, in value about half a farthing' (Jamieson's *Dictionary*). Half a merk was six shillings and eightpence Scots.

'Sum gat thair handfull of thir half mark steikis,
Will have na mair within ane yeir nor we.'
Dalyell's *Scotish Poems of the Sixteenth Century*, p. 294.

Lawmonth, being laidfulle warnit be the officiar to haif conperit this day befoir the session, to haif ansuerit to the verite, to sic thingis as suld be proponit to him, he conperit nocht: thairfor the sessioun ordanis him to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis, under the pane of publict admonitioun.

Die penultimo mensis Aprilis, anno Domini j^{m}v^{c} lxxxiiij^{to}.

Citatio Thowles, Kellie, *rij.*

The quhilk day, conperit James Steill officiar, quha verifiit befoir the sessioun that he hed warnit Jhone Thowles, servand to Henry Lawmonth, personalie apprehendit, to haif conperit befoir the session this day, to haif ansuerit to the verite of sic thingis as suld haif bein proponit to him, tuiching the on baptizit barne in buirding with Margret Kelle, incertane of the father, &c., and that for the secund tyme, under the pane of publict admonition, conforme to the tenour of the last Act. The said Jhone being oftimes callit, nocht conperand, dew tyme biddin, the session ordanis the clerk to direct ane summondis to Thomas Wod, vicar and redar of this parrochin, to summond the said Jhone Thowles publicle in the parroche kirk, upon Sonday nixttocum befoir none, in presens of the pepill convenit to sermone, to conpeir on Weddinday the sext of Maii nixttocum befoir thame, to ansuer to the premissis, under the pane of excommunicatioun; and the summondis to contein ane nerrative, how lang the barn hes bein with Kelle, and quhaur and quhome fra sche ressavit the barin.

Die sexto mensis Maii, anno lxxxiiij^{to}.

Confessio Thowles, Lawmonth, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Jhone Thowles, witnes, servand to Henry Lawmonth, being ressavit suorn and examinat, confessis that, upon the xiij day of Aprile last wes, he deliverit xx s. to Margret Kellie, in name and at command of the said Henry his maister; and that he desyrit Margret Kellie in his maisteris name to depart furth of this citee for ane litill quhill; and forder grantis that ane quarter of ane yeir sensyne thair com ane puir laid and knokit at Henry Lawmonthis yett in this citee, and the deponar opnit the yett and the boy said to him:—Margret Lawmonth, youngest dochter to Henry, hes

given me this half merk steik at hir fatheris bak yett, and hes willit me to cum to the foir yett and gif the samyn to yow, that ye, Jhone Thowles, suld pas thairwith and gif it to Margret Kellie—quhilk he did in deid; and forder the deponar sayis that Margret Lawmonth grantis that sche gat the said half merk steik fra the said Henry to the effect foirsaid. The sessioun ordanis Henry Lawmonth wyfe, namely [*blank*] Monipenny, to b[e] warnit to this day aucht dayis, for forder triall to be takin in this mater.

Confessio Andersoun, Gulen, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Androw Andersoun, servand to Jhone Wod, grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Bessy Gulen in Kyncapill. The sessioun ordanis Gulen to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Andersoun to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.

Wilsoun, Kegzow.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, with commoun consent, ordanis William Wilsoun to pay xx s. to the puir, for fornicatioun committit be him with Issobell Kegzo[w], in part of pament of the Act.

Die xiij° Maii, anno lxxxiiij^to.

Confessio Wilsoun.

The quhilk day, conperit Thomas Wilsoun, servand to George Philp, confessis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Margret Richertson, he being for the tyme servand with Jhone Wilsoun in the Grange; he hes presentit his barn to baptisme, nevir knawand the kirk for his offence. He is decernit to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, and to satisfie conforme to the ordour; and ordanis Richertson to be also warnit.

Lawmonth, Monipenny, *rij.*

The quhilk day, becaus that Cristene Monipenny wes warnit to this day, personale apprehendit, to haif conperit befoir the session, as wes verefiit be the officiar, and disobeyit; thairfor the sessioun ordanis hir zit as of befoir to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, under pane of disobedience.

Die xx mensis Maii, anno lxxxiiij

Confessio Monipenny, Lawmonth.

The quhilk day, Cristene Monipenny, spous to Henry Lawmonth, being laidful[lie] warnit to this day, conperit

and confessis that sche desyrit Gelis Muffett, spous to Thomas Narne, to pas to Margret Kellie, and to desyre hir to gif in ane bill befoir the sessioun, to mein hir selfe that sche wes extremelie handlit for keping of ane on baptizit barne with hir, quhairfor sche wes accusit, and na forder.

Die xxvij° Maii, anno lxxxiiij^to.

The quhilk day, Margret Kellie is decernit of new to sit upon the penitent stuill, and to bring the barn with hir; and thairefter to put the barn out of hir cumpanie. Kellie.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that Thomas Wod redar, in tyme of prayaris, reid onlie the prayar in the Psalme Buik, and the chaptouris alanerlie of the New and Auld Testament, without ony additioun of his awin brane, noit, or utherwyis, except it be gevin him be wreit from the sessioun, and he to reid that without additioun simplie.[1] Directioun to Thomas Wod.

The quhilk day, Margret Richertsoun in Ester Grange grantis sche is with barne to Robert Bryde, servand to Thomas Ade. He is decernit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Richertsoun, Bryde.

Die decimo septimo Junii, anno lxxxiiij^to.

The quhilk day, conperit Patrik Archibischop of St. Androus befoir the sessioun and ministrie thairof, and declarit planlie that it is nather the Kingis Majesteis will, nor yit the Thre Esteatis of this realme, to inhibeit the convening of the elderis and deaconis of ony congregatioun within this realme to convein, nor to inhibeit ony gude ordour establisit within the same for punischement of vice, bot onlie to inhibeit the new erectit Prisbittreis; and thairfor takis upon his lordschip that the sessioun and ministrie of Sanctandrous may convein at thair accustomat tymes, as thai haif done heirtofoir, without ony danger of the Act of Parliament,[2] lyke as his lordschip The Bischoppis conperance befoir the sessioun, and declaratioun of the Kingis Gracis and Thre Esteatis will, tuiching the convening of the sessioun.

[1] Other readers were restricted as well as Wod. On the 3d of February 1595-6, the Presbytery of Glasgow ordained 'that thair be na thing red or sung in the new kirk be Johne Bucchane reidare thair, bot that quhilk is contenit in the Word of God' (Maitland *Miscellany*, i. 79).

[2] This was one of the Acts, passed on the 22d of May 1584, abolishing Presbytery, and known as the Black Acts. The one specially referred to is that

presentlie requiris thame sa to do, for gude ordour and punisment of vice in tymes cuming; quha ar content to convein at his desyre to the effect foirsaid, as thai haif in tymes bygane; requesting his lordschip to obtein and deliver to thame the Kingis Gracis letter of warrand thairupon, quhilk the said Archibischop promist to do.

P. Sanctandross.

Celebratioun of the communioun.

The same day, the sait hes tocht gude and appointit the communioun to be celebratit upon Sonday cum xv dayis, the fyft day of Julii nixttocum.

And sua examinatouris to the first quarter: Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour, Mr. Martine Geddy, William Ferry, elderis. Androw Watsoun dakin, scrib thairto.

The secund quarter: Mr. James Martine,[1] Provest of the Auld College, Mr. William Cok, James Robertsoun. Dauid Guidlaid scrib thairto.

The thrid quarter: Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, Mr. Dauid Russell, Alexander Carstaris, and Charlis Watson scrib thairto.

The fourt quarter: Mr. Henry Leiche, William Lermonth, Alexander Wynsister. Thomas Wod redar, scribe thairto.

The examinatioun to begyn upon Mononday the xxij of Junii instant.

Die xxiiij^to^ Junii, anno lxxxiiij^to^.

Directioun gevin to Thomas Wod, anent the names of the deid, baptizit barnis, mariit personis, and penitentis.

The quhilk day, it is tocht gude and concludit, be my Lord of St. Androus and haill sessioun, that Thomas Wod redar, in all tyme cuming, haif ane Register Buik, in the quhilk he sall insert the names of all barnis that ar baptizit

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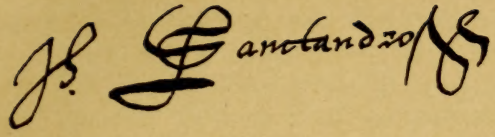
entitled :—'Ane Act dischargeing all jurisdictionis and jugementis not approvit be Parliament, and all assemblies and conventionis without our Soverane Lordis speciall licence and commandement' (*Acts of Parl. of Scotland*, iii. 293). By another of these Acts, Archbishop Adamson, the bishops, and certain commissioners to be appointed, were empowered to 'put ordour to all materis and caussis ecclesiasticall within thair dioceissis' (*Ibid.* iii. 303). Adamson's statement in the text, that the King and Parliament only wished 'to inhibeit the new erectit Prisbittreis,' is far from accurate. See M'Crie's *Melville*, second ed., i. 221 *et seq.* It was probably in case of danger, that the kirk-session secured Adamson's signature to this entry.

[1] Interlined over *Robertsoun* deleted.



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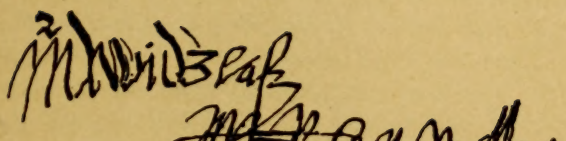

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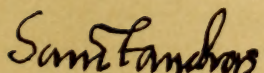

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within this parroche, the parentis names, the day of thair baptisme; siclyke, the names of all personis mariit within the samyn, and the day of thair mariage; and also the names of all personis departand fra this lyfe within the samyn parrochin, and the day of thair departing; and forder the names of all penitentis, and the day that thai mak thair humiliatioun, quhidder it be the first secund or thrid falt or ofter; and this in presens of the said Thomas Wod, promising to do the samyn; and als that the day of the birth of every barne baptizit; and the redar ilk Weddinsday to bring and produce all thir foirsaidis names befoir the sessioun, to be inrollit in ane Register *ad perpetuam rei memoriam.*

Testimoniall to be direct to Kilconquhar for Russell.

The quhilk day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in befoir the sessioun be Jhone Russell in Nether Kenlovy, for thair testimoniall to be direct to the minister of Kilconquhar, that the said Jhone hed maid humiliatioun in this kirk for fornicatioun committit be him with Jonet Kay; the said Jhone, for preving that he hes maid humiliatioun, produces[1] Hew Frew in Pwkye, Thomas Broun in Mwirhoussis, and Robert Broun in Pukye, witnes, [quha,][2] suorn and examinat, deponis in thair consciences that thai saw the said Jhone and Jonet mak publict humiliatioun in this kirk, conforme to the ordour, for thair said offence. Thairfor the sessioun ordanis the clerk to gif testimoniall heirupon as is requirit.

For electing of the minister, *rij.*

The quhilk day, it is votit be the sessioun that the Rectour, the Provest of the Auld College, Mr. Dauid Russell, bailye, and Mr. William Cok, ryde to Darsy, Mononday nixt to cum, to heir the Provestis mynd anent the electing of ane minister to this congregatioun, and thai to report ansuer this day aucht dayis.

Die octavo mensis Julii, anno lxxx quarto.

Maknab, Dalgleis.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis the barin, gottin in fornicatioun be Jhone Macnab upon Jonet Dalgleis (quhilk Jonet hes ellis satisfeit the kirk), to be baptizit upon the suit of the said Jonet; and Jhone Macnab to be punist for his falt, according to the ordour of the kirk.

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[1] *Produce* in MS.

[2] Omitted.

Die decimo quinto mensis Julii, anno lxxx quarto.

Decretum Dalgleische, Wischart.

The quhilk day, conperit Patrik, Bischop of St. Androus, befoir the sessioun and ministrie thairof, and declarit that his lordschip him selfe hes takin sufficient triall in Lundoun of the departure of umquhill Jhone Tailzeour, sumtyme baxter citiner in this citee, fra this lyffe; and thairfor takis the burding on his lordschip of the mater, and of the said Jhonis departure; and sua his lordschip, as ordinar Bischop of St. Androus, ordanis the mariage to proceid betuix Archibald Wischert and Jonet Dalgleische, relict of the said umquhill Jhone, and the redar to proclame thair bannis Sunday nixttocum.

Confessio Buikles, Andersoun.

The quhilk day, Agnes Buikles grantis sche is with barne to Jhone Andersoun litstar, quhilk sche sayis wes gottin in hir awin hous in St. Leonardis Wynd, in the nicht about Zoull last wes. The sessoun ordanis Jhone Andersoun to be warnit to ansuer thairto this day aucht dayis, and Agnes to be present, warnit *apud acta.*

Die vigesimo sec[un]do Julii, anno lxxx quarto.

The enteres of Mr. Jhone Rutherfurd to be minister.

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Jhone Rutherfurd,[1] electit minister and pastor of this congregation of St. Androus, quha ratifeit and apprevit the haill actis and statutis of the kirk and session of this parrochin, maid in this buik, for outsetting of Goddis glorie, and gude ordour and discipline to be hed in the samyn; and, being solemnatle suorn, promist to observe and keip the samyn at his power, and to discharge his office and cuir in all thingis at his power, safer as God wald minister to him his grace.

Confessio[2] Andersoun, Buikles.

The quhilk day, Jhone Anderson litstar and Agnes Buikles, baith present, grantis thai haif committit fornicatioun, and

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[1] 'About this time the King asked at Mr. Johne Rutherfurde, saying, "Would yee be minister of Sanct Andrewes?" He answered, "Yes, sir; but shame fall me, if I doe not my duetie!" The King said, "Shame fall thee, and the devill receave thee too, if thou doe it not: goe thy way." So he departed inaugurated. This was called The maner of Mr. Johne Rutherfurd's admissioun.' (Calderwood's *History*, iv. 199.)

[2] *Confesso* in MS.

that the said Agnes is with barne to him; and thai baith confes that this is the thrid tyme that ilk ane of thame hes maid defection. The sessioun statutis to pronunce thair decrete aganis the saidis parteis this day aucht dayis. The saidis parteis warnit heirto *apud acta.*

Die vigesimo nono mensis Julii, anno lxxx quarto.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, haifing respect to the outsetting of Goddis glory and keping of the Sabbaoth day conforme to the fourt commandiment of Almychtie God, hes, all with ane voce, tocht gude [that][1] na leadis of victuall, collis, peatis, turffis, hedder, nor na uther geir, be cariit nor brocht in within this citee on the Sabbaoth day; and that na craftisman, flescheouris, nor utheris, work on the Sabbath; bot that the samyn be kepit puir and holie, according to the commandiment of God; and that supplicatioun be direct be the minister to the majestratis of this citee, for gude ordour to be takin heiranent; and that publicatioun of the samyn be maid in the pulpeit be the minister Sonday nixttocum. *Nota.* ffor keping of the Sabbaoth day.

The quhilk day, for eschewing of misordour and tumult and satling of the abuse enterit in the ower great number of witnes or gossoppis to the barnis that ar baptizit in this kirk, the sessioun hes tocht gude and concludit that, in all tymes cuming, witnes, that salbe advertisit and warnit be the parentis to the baptisme[2] of the barnis, sall sitt still in thair awin places, quhairin thai salbe in for the tyme in the kirk; and nane to stand up tyme of baptisme bot the parent and father of the barne haldand up his awin barne him selfe onlie, except tua or thre witnes at the maist. Anent the witnes to barnis, tyme of baptisme.

The quhilk day, as in terme statut to pronunce in actioun of fornicatioun, committit betuix Jhone Andersoun litstar and Agnes Buikles, the sessioun—in respect of the said Jhone and Agnes awin confessionis, maid in the Act the xxij of Julii instant, grantand that thai and ilk ane of thame hes thre sindry tymes maid defectioun efter admonition, and fallin in the filthy vice of fornicatioun, be procreatioun of thre sindry *Decretum contra* Andersoun, Buikles.

[1] Omitted.

[2] *Bapsme* in MS.

barnis—hes decernit the saidis Jhone and Agnes to[1] mak publict repentance conforme to the Act of Parliament; and, for execution thairof, remittis thame to the civile majestratis, to be forder punisit according thairto.

Fairfull, Lawmonth, &c., *rij.*

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis James Fairfull and Margret Kennedy, Bessy Rowill, James Lawmonth and Jonet Richertson, Thomas Monipen[ny] and Cathrine Leiche, to be all warnit to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonitioun; becaus it wes verefiit be the officiar that thai wer laidfulle warnit to this day and contempteusle disobeyit.

Sa.

—Thai haif baith[2] satisfeit.

Fairfull, Kennedy. Hes satisfeit.

James Fairfull and Margret Kennedy hes ilkane payit xx s. for thair impressoment, in part of pament of the Act of Parliament; and hes baith maid publict humiliatioun[3] Sonday the ix of August 1584.

Die Mercurii, quinto Augusti, anno lxxx quarto.

Command to Thomas Wod for reding of prayaris.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar is ordanit be the sessioun to reid the prayaris ilk Friday, befoir and efter none, quhill God provide for the Fridayis precheing.

Lawmonth, *rij.*

The quhilk day, becaus James Laumonth wes nocht personalie apprehendit, it is ordanit be the sessioun that he be warnit personalie to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonitioun.

Monipenny, Bryde, Andersoun.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Thomas Monipenny, Cathrine Leiche, Alane Hendersoun, Robert Bridy, Androw Andersoun, to be all warnit agane to this day aucht [dayis],[4] under pane of publict admonition; becaus thai haif bein twois warnit of befoir and conperit nocht.

Die duodecimo mensis Augusti, anno lxxx quarto.

Sa. Monipenny, Leiche.

The quhilk day, Thomas Monipenny is ordanit to pay for his impressoment ten s., in part of pament of the Act of

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[1] This has originally run *to haif mereit the panis for fornicatioun contenit in the Act of Parliament.* The alteration is interlined, but the clerk has omitted to delete some of the words.

[2] *Sic.* [3] *Admonitioun* in MS. [4] Omitted.

Parliament; and to mak humiliatioun Sonday nixttocum, for fornicatioun committit[1] be him with Cathrine Leiche.

The quhilk day, Androw Andersoun to pay xiij s. iiij d. for his impressoment, in part of pament of the Act of Parliament, for fornicatioun committit be him with Bessy Gulen; and to mak humiliatioun Sonday nixttocum.—Anderson hes payit. Gulen suld pay vj s. viij d. Thai haif baith maid humiliatioun. Anderson, Gulen. Sa.

The quhilk day, Robert Bryde grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Margret Richertsoun, and that he hes gottin ane barn with hir in fornicatioun. He is decernit to mak publict humiliatioun, and to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum. —Brydy hes satisfeit and payit. Ric. *Confessio* Bryde. Sa. Richertsoun.

The quhilk day—becaus it is this day verefeit be James Steill officiar that James Lawmonth hes bein thre sindry tymes warnit to conpeir before thame, and last to this day personale apprehendit, to ansuer for the fornicatioun committit be him with Jenet Richertson, manifestit be procreatioun of ane barne grantit be thame procriait, he contempteuslie disobeit—[the session][3] ordanis summondis to be direct to Thomas Wod redar, to summond the said James publiclie in the kirk Sonday nixttocum, to conpeir befoir thame Weddinsday nixttocum, to the effect foirsaid, under pane of publict admonition. And siclyke ordanis Alane Hendersoun to be publiclie summond, becaus he hes bein thrys warnit of befoir and disobeyit.—[*Alane Henderson hes payit xiij s. iiij d.*—deleted.] Summondis to be direct aganis Lawmonth. Hendersoun, *rij.*

Die xix° Augusti, anno lxxxiiij^to.

The quhilk day, the questioun being proponit be the minister and ressonit be the sessioun, quhidder it suld be better to follow furth the auld ordour observit in this sait sen reformatioun in religioun, in punising of transgressouris, and inobedient personis to the voce of the kirk, or to remit the offendaris to the Bischope to be punisit; it is concludit, be Conclusioun of the sessioun. *Nota.*

[1] *Commit* in MS.

[2] The clerk has begun to write *Richertsoun*, but has stopped short.

[3] Omitted.

pluralite of voitis, that the sessioun keip thair auld accustomit use, quhill forder order be takin be the Kingis[1] Majestie and his Gracis Esteatis.

Decrete quhat pressonaris suld pay to James Steill.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that ilk persoun, quha enteres in pressoun, sall pay to James Steill kepar of the pressoun, for his panis, twa schillingis, and that he[2] componis for thair impressoment tuelf penneis in tymes cuming.

Small, xxj [dayis].

The quhilk day, the sessoun ordanis Jhone Small to present Bessy Small his dochter, quha hes born ane man cheild in fornicatioun with Dauid Buist, as he allegis befoir thame, within xx dayis, that triall and gude ordour may be hed with hir.

Obligatio Lawmonth, *rij.* Sa.

The quhilk day, conperit James Lawmonth, quha promist to pay xl s., in part of pament of the Act for his impressonment Satterday nixttocum, and to sitt on the penitent stuill Sonday nixttocum.—Lawmonth hes maid humiliation bot restis xl s. on payit.—Now payit.

Hendersoun, Sa. Hagy.

The quhilk day, conperit Alane Hendersoun, quha payit xiiij s. iiij d., in part of pament of the Act for his impressoment, for fornicatioun committit be him with Jonet Hagy, and promist [to][3] enter on the penitent stuill Sonday nixttocum.—Hendersoun hes satisfeit.

Die vigesimo sexto mensis Augusti, anno lxxx quarto.

Confessio Diksoun. Sa.

The quhilk day, conperit Thomas Diksoun younger, quha confessis he hes committit fornicatioun with Besse Scott, quha as he belevis is with barn to him. He is ordanit to pay xxx s., in part of pament of the Act, and to mak publict humiliatioun thairfor Sunday nixttocum.—He hes satisfeit.

Confessio Wilkie, Dowill.

The quhilk day, conperit Issobell Wilkie, quha confessis sche is with barn to[4] Jhone Dowill, servitour to Robert

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[1] *King* in MS.

[2] There seems to be something wrong here. Perhaps it should read—'Thai that componis' for their imprisonment should pay twelve pennies. The session had previously (16th October 1577) ordained that James Steill should receive two shillings from each prisoner (*supra*, pp. 427, 428).

[3] Omitted.

[4] *To to* in MS.

Scheves. . . . .[1] The sessioun ordanis Jhone Dowill to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Issobell to be present the said day.—And now [she makes a further confession].[1]

Confessio Fogow. Sa.

The quhilk day, conperit Bessy Fogow, quha confessis sche is with barne to Jhone Kay. The session ordanis hir to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, and Jhone to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Bessy to be present the said day. —Thai haif Satisfeit.

Die secundo mensis Septembris, anno lxxxiiij^to.

Directioun to Thomas Wod anent harlottis barnis.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod, being present befoir the sessioun, is ordanit, befoir ony barne be baptizit, [to][2] pas and tak suir triall of sic barnis that ar to be baptizit, and quha ar the barnis parentis, and quhidder thai be laidfull or nocht, and quhidder thai haif maid satisfaction or nocht that ar adulterous or fornicatouris parentis, that the barnis of sic be nocht baptizit without repentance preceid.

Confessio Rekye, Orm.

The quhilk day, Elspot Rekie grantis sche is with barne to Dauid Orm younger. [Elspot then gives a detailed confession.] The sessioun ordanis the said Dauid to be warnit to this day aucht dayis to ansuer thairto, and the said Elspot to be present the said day.

Decretum Rantoun, Gourlay.

The quhilk day, William Rantoun and Cathrne Gourlay his spous ar decernit be the sessioun, with thair awin consentis, to adheir togidder in the feir of the Lord as becummis twa mariit personis, in all tyme cuming, durin[g] thair lyftymes. And also William oblisis him to inbring, to his awin utilite and the said Cathrins, the haill geir quhilk he hes takin furth of the hous, and to place it in that place quhair it wes of befoir. And siclyke, the said Cathrine oblisis hir to bring hame as said is all geir quhilk sche hes takin furth of the said William hous, and place it in the awin place agane. And thai promis with Goddis grace to lief mair godlie and honest togidder in tyme cuming.

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[1] Here she enters into details, in which she refers to 'Alexander Ostianis hous.'

[2] Omitted.

Die nono Septembris, anno lxxxiiij^to.

Dowill, Wilkye. The quhilk day, becaus Jhone Dowill is presentle seik, he is ordanit to be warnit agane of new to this day aucht dayis, for fornicatioun committit with Issobell Wilkie.

Confessio. Sa. Kay, Fogo. The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Kay, quha confessis [*Issobell*—deleted] Besse Fogo is with barn to him gottin in fornicatioun. He [is][1] ordanit to enter in pressoun Satterday nixttocum, and to satisfie conforme to the ordour.—Kay hes satisfeit and payit.

Confessio Orm, Rekie. The quhilk day, Mr. Jhone Rutherfurd minister declaris that Dauid Orm younger comme to him, and confessit that Elspot Rekie is presentle with barin to him gottin in fornicatioun, and that he is departit furth of this citee. The sessioun ordanis Dauid Orm, how sone he returnis to this citee, to mak satisfaction for his offence conforme to the ordour.

Confessio Small, Buist. Sa. The quhilk day, conperit Besse Small, quha confessis that sche is with barne to Androw[2] Buist. Sche is ordanit to caus Dauid be heir befoir the sessioun this day aucht dayis, that gude ordour may be takin thairin.

James Steill. The quhilk day, Charlis Watsoun scribe, at command of the sessioun, deliverit to James Steill for his yeiris fie bigane xl s.

Die decimo sexto mensis Septembris, anno lxxxiiij^to.

Confessio Bane, Wilsoun. The quhilk day, Margaret Bane, servand to Henry Forsyth, confessis sche is with barne to Henry Wilsoun, son to umquhill Henry Wilsoun; and that sche hed nevir to do with him bot anis, quhilk wes at Trinitie Sonday last wes. The sessioun ordanis hir to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour, and Henry to be warnit to ansuer thairto.

Command to Bessy Small. The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Russell bailye, ane of the elderis of this sessioun, commandit Bessy Small to caus Androw[2] Buist, quha hes gottin the barne with hir as sche allegis in fornicatioun, to be present befoir the session, to

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[1] Omitted. [2] Interlined over *Dauid* deleted.

ansuer for the said cryme, this day viij dayis, under the pane of banising hir this citee.

The quhilk day, Cristene[1] Deir confessis sche is with barne to Alexander Mylsoun. [Then follows a detailed confession of her guilt.] *Confessio* Deir.

Marioun Boytoir confessis sche is with barne to Jhone Hagy, schiphird to the relict of Mr. Thomas Balfour. [Marioun then gives details as to the frequency of her sin.] *Confessio* Boytoir, Hagy.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Dowill and Issobell Wilkie, quha being confrontit, the said Jhone [while admitting his guilt denied part of her statement]. Sche is delatit to haif hed carnall daill with William Moir, William Kirk, Thomas Ostiane and Jhone Maknair. The sessioun ordanis Jhone Dowill to mak humiliatioun for his offence; and the saidis personis to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilatioun, and Issobell commandit to be present the said day. *Confessio* Dowill, Wilkie. Moir, Kirk, Ostiane, Macnair.

Die vigesimo quarto mensis Septembris, anno lxxxiiij^to.

The quhilk day, becaus that Henry Wilsoun, quha wes[2] delatit be Mergret Bane to haif gottin ane barne with hir in fornicatioun, is at the saill, he is ordanit to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun how sone he returnis; and Mergret Bane, being present, inquirit if the barne be Henry Forsythis barne, and if evir he hed to do with hir carnalie or nocht, ansueris, on hir conscience, that sche nevir knew the said Henry Forsyth carnalie.—Mergret Bane hes bein impressonit and maid humiliatioun. *Confessio* Bane, Wilsoun, Forsyth. Sa.

The quhilk day, Androw Buist and Bessy Small, baith present befoir the sessioun, grantis the barne quhilk Bessie is with is the said Androwis barne, gottin in fornicatioun within the parrochin of Logy; and becaus sche com to this citee and buir the samyn, the sessioun ordanis thame to mak publict humiliatioun in this kirk, Sonday nixttocum, and to pay xxx s. to the puir.—All is satisfeit. *Confessio* Buist, Small. Sa.

The quhilk day, Alexander Mylsoun, being warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in upon him to be *Confessio* Mylsoun, Deir.

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[1] Interlined over *Margret* deleted. [2] *Hes* in MS.

the father of the barne quhilk Cristene Deir is presentle with, conperit personalie with the said Cristene, and grantis the samyn. He is decernit to enter in pressoun Satterday nixttocum and Cristene Satterday cum aucht dayis, and thairefter thai baith to mak publict humiliatioun.—Thai haif payit xxx s. and hes satisfeit.

Sa.

Confessio Hagy. Sa. Boytour. Sa.

The quhilk day, Jhone Hagy grantis that the barne, quhilk Marioun Boytour is presentle with, is his barne gottin in fornicatioun, and aggreis on the tyme with hir. Hagy is ordanit to enter in pressoun Satterday nixttocum, and remane thair viij dayis, and Boytour Satterday cum aucht dayis, and remane xv dayis becaus sche is relappis.—Jhone Hagy hes payit x s. and satisfeit. Boytour hes bein impressonit and satisfeit.

Moir, Wilkie, Kirk, Macnair.

The quhilk day, William Moir, William Kirk, Thomas Ostiane and Jhone Maknair, being warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis thame to haif all [hed][1] carnall daill with Issobell Wilkie, conperit William Moir and William Kirk, quha refusit to declair the trewith or sueir on the dilatioun; thairfor thai ar warnit *apud acta* to advis quhill this day aucht dayis, and to conpeir agane to gif thair aithis and declaratioun thairon, with certificatioun if thai failye thai salbe hed *pro confesso*. Thomas Ostiane conperit and purgit him self be his ath of the dilatioun; and becaus Jhone Maknair conperit nocht, [the session][1] ordanis him to be warnit agane of new to this day aucht dayis.

Purgatio Ostiane.

Jhone Andersoun is ordant to be ressavit to humiliatioun.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Andersoun litstar befoir the sessioun, and declarit in conscience befoir God that he repentit from his hart his former syn and ongodlie lyfe, desiring the sessioun moist humlie in the name of God and for Goddis saik to ressaif him to humiliatioun, and offerrit him willingle to obey quhat kynd of discipline thai wald injune to him, and siclyke offerrit willingle to pay to the puir ten merkis money. The sessioun, understanding his humill suit, and willing rather his salvation nor distruction, ordanis him to be impressonit for viij dayis, and thairefter to mak publict humiliatioun conforme to the ordour, and to pay the

[1] Omitted.

said ten merkis to the puir.—Jhone Anderson hes payit x merkis and satisfeit. Sa.

Die primo mensis Octobris, anno lxxxiiij^to.

The quhilk day, William Moir grantis he [hed][1] anis carnall daill with Elspot[2] Wilkie, on St. Vallantynis evin last wes, and nevir mair. And Williame Kirk also grantis he hed anis carnall daill with the said Issobell[2] Wilkie ane yeir sensyne, in Alexander Ostianis hous, and nevir mair. Thai ar baith ordanit to be impressonit; and William Moir to mak tuois publict satisfactioun, becaus he is relappis and nocht yit satisfeit, and Kirk anis publict humiliatioun. Jhone Macnair conperit and purgit him of the dilatioun laid to his charge with Elspot[2] Wilkie. *Confessio* Moir, Kirk. *Purgatio* Macnair.

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Bell and grantis that sche hes borne ane man cheild in fornicatioun to William Swyne younger, quhilk wes gottin besyde Thomas Rekeis yett, betuix x and xj houris at evin, viij dayis befoir Michaelmes last wes. William is ordanit to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis, and Margret warnit *apud acta* thairto. *Confessio* Bell, Suyne, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Jhone Dowill, being accusit for haifing carnall daill with Jonet Duncane, confessis the samyn, anis and na mair, quhilk wes ane yeir sensyne or thairby. Jonet is ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis to ansuer thairto, and Dowill to be punisit as ane relapis in fornicatioun. *Confessio* Dowill.

Die septimo Octobris, anno lxxxiiij^to.

The quhilk day, William Swyne grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Margret Bell, at the tyme and place confessit be Margret in the last Act, and that the barne is his barne. He is ordanit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Swyne.

Die xiiij^to. mensis Octobris, anno lxxx quarto.

The quhilk day, Jhone Diplein grantis that he twa yeir *Confessio* Diplein.

[1] Omitted. [2] *Sic.*

sensyne committit fornicatioun with Bessy Andersoun, and last tyme that he hed to do with hir wes ane moneth befoir Witsonday last wes. Bessy is ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Jhone to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, and to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

To warn Duncane, Weland, Kirk, Orm, &c., *rij.*

The sessioun ordanis Jonet Duncane, Beatrix Weland, Grissell Gray, Jonet Brentoun and Dauid Orm younger, William Moir and William Kirk, to be all warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer *super inquirendis.*

Elderis and deaconis.

The quhilk day being appointit and assignit to all maner [of][1] personis haiveng voit within this citee and parrochin, to conpeir to object aganis the personis nominated to be elderis and deaconis for this yeir incuming, na persoun nor personis conperand to object, the sessioun findis the personis nominated elegabill, and thairfor ordanis the election to pas fordirwart.

Die vigesimo primo mensis Octobris, anno octuagesimo quarto.

Mr. Jhone Rutherfurd minister.[2]

Eldaris and diaconis votit electit and chosin.

Maister James Wilkie, Rectour of the Universite of St. Androus
Mr. James Martine, Provest of the Auld College
Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, maister in the New College
Mr. William Cok, bailye
Alexander Winsister, bailye
Mr. Dauid Russell
Mr. Martine Geddy
James Robertsoun
William Ferry
James Smyth
Alexander Carstaris
Jhone Martine.

Eldaris up on land.
Androw Wod of Straythwethy
Mr. Androw Aytoun of Kynnaldy
James Ade in Over Kenlovy.

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[1] Omitted.
[2] Rutherfurd's name is written opposite the date and partly in the margin.

Diaconis votit electit and chosin.

William Zwill, mercheand	
Patrik Gutherie	
Charlis Watsoun, scrib	
Androw Watsoun	Deaconis up on land.
Dauid Guidlaid	Martine Carstrophein in Byrhillis
Alexander Dayis	Thomas Scheves thair
Dauid Blair	Thomas Phenisoun in Kincapill
Patrik Playfeir.[1]	Dauid Pattoun in Balrymonth.

The quhilk day, the eldaris and deaconis aboif writin affirmit ratifiit and apprivit the haill actis and statutis, maid be the sessioun upon the fyft day of November lxxij yeiris, and ar all solemnatle suorn bund and oblist to observe keip and fulfill the samyn, and the dayis and hour of thair convening, as also Thomas Wod redar, under the panis contenit in the saidis actis. Ratificatioun of the actis and statutis.

The quhilk day, Jonet Brentoun present is decernit to pay xl s. to the puir, for hir impressoment in part of pament of the Act, and thairefter to mak publict humiliatioun for the fornicatioun committit be hir with Archibald Forbes. And forder sche is delatit of new to haif hed carnall daill with Robert Robertson mason, and lykwyis sche being present desyris to be contractit in mariage with said Robert. The session ordanis hir to mak satisfactioun as is ellis decernit for the first offens, and to ansuer to the new dilation, and thairefter sche salhaif ansuer tuiching hir contracting.—Brentoun hes satisfeit for fornication committit with Normond Wemes and Archibald Forbes, and payit xl s. Brentoun. Sa. Forbes, Robertsoun.

The quhilk day, Agnes Robertson *alias* Sowtar grantis that the barne, quhilk sche oftimes befoir affermit befoir the session wes Patrik Walkeris barn, is now Peter Milleris barne, gottin be him on hir in adultrie in harvest wes thre yeiris, under the Gallow Laik amangis the sey cragis; . . . .[2] and that the barne wes born at mid symmer wes tua yeiris. The sessioun ordanis *Confessio* Robertsoun Miller, *rij.*

[1] Playfeir's name seems to have been added.

[2] She then makes a further confession.

Peter to be warnit to ansuer thairto this day aucht dayis, and ordanit Agnes to be present the said day.

Orm, Gray.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Grissell Gray and Dauid Orm younger to be warnit agane of new to conpeir befoir thame this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilationis[1] gevin in aganis thame, becaus thai wer ellis warnit to this day and disobeyit.

Die vigesimo octavo mensis Octobris, anno lxxxiiij^to.

Duncane, Dowill.

The quhilk day, conperit Jonet Duncane, quha wes warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in upon [hir][2] to haif hed carnall daill with Jhone Dowill, quha, being accusit thairon, denyit the samyn. The sessioun ordanis hir to be present this day aucht dayis, and Jhone Dowill to be warnit to the said day, that thai may be confrontit.

Gray, Orm.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Dauid Orm younger and Grissell Gray to be warnit agane for the thrid tyme, to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilationis gevin in upon thame, under pane of publict admonition, becaus thai haif bein twois chargit of befoir and conperit nocht.

Anderson. Sa. Diplein.

The quhilk day Bessy Anderson grantis sche is with barne to Jhone Diplein. Sche is decernit to mak humiliatioun and satisfactioun conforme to the ordour.—Sche hes payit x s. and maid humiliation. Diplein also humlit.

Die quarto mensis Novembris, anno octuagesimo quarto.

Act concerning the contracting of mariage.

The quhilk day, anent the ordour for contracting of mariage in all tymes cuming, within this parrochin of Sanctandrous, it is statut and ordanit be the haill voitis in sessioun, That all parteis, baith rache[3] and puir, to be contractit in mariage heireftir, conpeir with thair parentis if thai be on lyfe, or twa of thair nerrest freindis and na ma, in the counsalhous befoir the ministrie upon Weddinsday, and thair to be contractit and in na uther place; and that na elder gif thair consent to the minister nor redar in the contrar; and if the

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[1] Has been *dilagationis.* [2] Omitted. [3] *Sic.*

minister or redar failye herin and contract ony persoun in mariage heireftir furth of the counsalhous in presens of the ministrie, the minister sall pay for ilk falt twenty pund Scottis money to the box of the puir unforgevin, and the redar ten lib. Scottis money to the box of the puir unforgevin, and that for ilk falt. And Mr. Jhone Rutherfurd present minister and Thomas Wod present redar oblissis thame and ilk ane of thame faithfullie heirto, under the said pane; and Thomas Wod redar to bring the *Band Buik* with him ilk Weddinsday to the counsallhous, to inroll the names of all parteis contractit, that thaireftir thair banis may be proclamit according to the ordour.

Confessio Gray, Balcomy. *Adulterii.*

The quhilk day, Grissell Gray grantis sche is with barne to James Lermonth apparand of Balcomy, and the first tyme sche hed to do with him wes the thrid ouk eftir Pasche last wes, and that the barne wes than gottin. James is ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Grissell to be present the said day.

Die xj° Novembris, anno lxxxiiij^to.

Confessio et declaratio Miller, Robertson.

The quhilk day, conperit Petir Myller couper, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin upon him to haif gottin ane barne in adultrie with Agnes Robertsoun *alias* Sowtar. The said Agnes being also present, confrontit with the said Petir, he being solemnatle suorn, eftir that the mater wes referrit to his aith be the said Agnes, he maid faith that he nevir knew the said Agnes carnalie, nor yit na uther woman in all his dayis except Cristene Giffart his spous, yit levand with him.

Orme.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis yit as of befoir Dauid Orme younger to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonition.

Confessio Beaton, Cwnighame.

The quhilk day, Issobell Beatoun grantis sche is with barne to James Cwnighame, servand to Jhone Smyth gunnar; the first tyme sche hed to do with him wes in Robert Wilsonis hous at Mid Lentroun last wes in the nicht, and the last tyme at Pasche last wes. Sche grantis that sche wes mariit befoir with Androw Dauidson mariner in Craill, quha departit

fra this lyfe as sche allegs passand to Frans[1] four yeris sensyne, in Alexander Symsonis crear in Anstroyer. James is ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Issobell to be than present.

Confessio Scott, Watson. Sa.

The quhilk day Androw Scott and Beatrix Watson present grantis thai haif gottin ane barn togidder in fornicatioun. Thay ar baith ordanit to mak satisfaction conforme to the ordour.—Baith satisfeit.

Die xviij° Novembris, anno lxxx quarto.

Confessio Orm.

The quhilk day, conperit Dauid Orm younger and grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Elspot Rekye, and that the barne quhilk sche is with is his barne. He oblisis him to pay xl s. for his impressoment to the puir in part of pament of the Act, and to mak publict humiliation conforme to the ordour.

Rutherfurd.

The sessioun ordanis Elspot Rwtherfurd to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

Lermonth, Gray. Adulteri.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis James Lermonth apparand of Balcomy and Grissell Gray to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, yit as of befoir.

Confessio Cwnighame, Beaton.

The quhilk day, James Cwnighame grantis he hed carnall daill with Issobell Beatoun twois, befoir Fastronsevin last wes viij dayis or thairby, and nevir mair. He will nocht tak with the barn, bot hes delatit Robert Wilson to haif knawin the said Issobell carnalie, quha, being also this samyn day accusit thairfor befoir the sessioun, denyit the samyn. The sessioun ordanis James Cwnighame to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.—And now knawlege hed be the confessioun of Issobell Beaton that hir husband [is][2] yit leving, sche and James Cunighame ar ordanit to be punisit as adultraris.

Confessio Carnow, Pitcarne.

The quhilk day, Elene Carno grantis sche is with barne to Dauid Pitcarne baxter, quhilk wes gottin as sche allegis at our Lady day in Lentron, in hir fatheris hous at Blabow Miln. [Sche then confesses further particulars.] Sche is

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[1] *Frans* is uncertain in MS.

[2] Omitted.

ordanit to mak humiliation conforme to the ordour, and Dauid to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Elene to be present with him.

The quhilk day, James Lawmonth is ordanit to pay xl s. to the puir Weddinsday nixttocum, or ellis to enter his person in waird Satterday cum aucht dayis, conforme to the ordour, under pane of publict admonition. Lawmonth.

Die xxv^to^ Novembris, anno lxxxiiij^to.

The quhilk day,[1] Jonet Robertsoun grantis sche is with barn to Jhone Cambell, quhilk wes gottin at latter Marie day last wes. The sessioun ordanis Jhone to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Jonet to be present the said day. *Confessio* Robertsoun, Cambell.

The quhilk day, James Steill officiar verefiit that he this day hed warnit James Lermonth apparand of Balcomy to conpeir befoir the session, and that personale apprehendit, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him be Grissell Gray, allegeand him to be father of the barne quhilk sche is presentle with. Becaus the said James being sua personale apprehendit and conperit nocht, the sessioun ordanis [him][2] yit as of befoir to be warnit personale,[3] if he may be apprehendit, to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonition. Lermonth, Gray. Adulteri.

Die secundo Decembris, anno lxxx quarto.

The quhilk day, Jhone Cambell and Jonet Robertson being confrontit grantis [that][2] thai haif hed carnall daill in fornication, that the barne quhilk Jonet is with is his barne. Thai aggreid on the tyme. The session ordanis Cambell to be impressonit, and to enter Satterday nixttocum, and Jonet Satterday cum aucht dayis, conforme to the ordour. And becaus Jhone Cambell spak dispytfull and opprobrius wordis proudle in presens of the session, and speciale, sen he suld pay and mak satisfaction he hed gottin ower litill penniworthis, lett him haif penny worthis for his money; the session thairfor *Confessio* Cambell, Robertson.

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[1] *Quhilk day* is repeated in MS.

[2] Omitted.

[3] *Persole* in MS. without mark of contraction.

Supplicatioun direct to the majestratis.

remittis him to the civil majestratis, to underly the sentiment of ane condigne assyis, and supplicatioun to be gevin to the majestratis to that effect.

Confessio Pitcarne. Sa. Carno.

The quhilk day, Dauid Pitcarne grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Elene Carno, and aggreis on tyme and place, and that the barne is his. He is ordanit to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, and Carno Satterday cum aucht dayis, and to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.—Pitcarne hes satisfeit.

Confessio Lessellis, Miller.

The quhilk day, Jonet Lessellis grantis sche is with barne to James Miller, sone to umquhill James Miller flescheour, and that the first tyme wes thre dayis befoir the first Marie day last wes, the nixt tyme ane moneth thaireftir. The session ordanis hir to be impressonit, and Miller to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Jonet to be present the said day.

Lermonth, Gray.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis James Lermonth apparand of Balcomy, yit as of befoir of super aboundance, to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun, nochtwithstanding that he wes warnit to this day and conperit nocht, under pane of publict admonitioun.

Confessio Howie, Michell. Sa.

The quhilk day Effie Howie grantis sche hes borne ane barne in fornicatioun to Charlis Michell in Balrymonth. Sche is ordanit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour, and Charlis to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and Effie to be than present.—Thai haf satisfeit.

Die nono Decembris, anno lxxx quarto.

Confessio Michell. Sa. Howie. Sa.

The quhilk day Charlis Michell in Lumbo grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Effie Howie. Thai baith present ar decernit to mak publict humiliatioun conforme to the ordour, and Charlis promisis to pay for his imprissoment[1] and Effei xl s. to the box of the puir, in part of pament of the Act.—All satisfeit.

Confessio Wentoun, Fuird. Sa.

The quhilk day Margret Wentoun grantis sche is with barne to James Fuird. James present grantis the samyn. Thai ar decernit to mak humiliation, and to be impressonit

[1] *Impressomet* in MS.

conforme to the ordour. This is the secund barne that thir personis hes gottin in fornicatioun.—Thai haif satisfeit.

The quhilk day, Jhone Cambell, for his contumelious talk and opprobrius wordis spokin befoir the sessioun being remittit to the civil majestratis, and thair eftir he conperit befoir the session and humlit him self on his kneis, askand God and thame forgevenes, and nochttheles is decernit be pluralite of voitis in session to be viij dayis impressonit and to pay ten s. to the puir.—He hes satisfeit all. Ordinance aganis Cambell. Sa.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Dauid Orme younger and James Lawmonth to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to conpeir befoir the session to heir and see thame decernit to fulfill the ordnance of the kirk, under pane of publict admonition Sonday cum aucht dayis; and siclyk William Moir and William Kirk to be warnit the said day.—Thai haif all satisfeit except Orm to mak humiliation. Lawmonth, Orm, Moir, Kirk.

Die xvj^to Decembris, anno lxxx quarto.

The quhilk day James Miller grantis he hes hed carnall daill[1] with Jonet Lessellis. He aggreis with hir on the first tyme, and is decernit to enter in pressoun Satterday nixttocum conforme to the ordour.—Miller hes satisfeit. *Confessio* Miller. Sa

Die xxiij Decembris, anno lxxxiiij^to.

The quhilk day, in respect that Dauid Orm younger, James Lawmonth, William Moir and William Kirk, being all convict in fornicatioun befoir the session, and decernit to mak humiliatioun and satisfaction thairfor conforme to the ordour of the kirk, and oftimes chargit thairto, and last to this day to haif conperit befoir the sessioun, to haif haid thame decernit, and ilk ane of thame, to haif fulfillit the ordinance of the kirk for thair offences, as wes verefiit be James Steill officiar, and that under pane of publict admonitioun, hes contempteuslie disobeyit; thairfor the sessioun ordanis thame all to be publictlie summond be Thomas Wod redar Sunday nixttocum, To summond Dauid Orm, Lawmonth, Moir, Sa. Kirk, Sa. publictlie.

Daill daill in MS.

to fulfill the ordinances of the kirk for thair offences, under pane of disobedience.

Die sexto mensis Januarii, anno lxxx quarto.

Confessio Gray, Patersoun. *Adulterii.*

The quhilk day, conperit Issobell Gray, quha confessis sche is with barne to Jhone Patersoun mercheand citiner of this citee, gottin be him on hir in adultrie, in his awin hous within the said citee. [In her further confession reference is made to the absence of 'Jonet Trymlay his spous'.] The sessioun ordanis the said Jhone Patersoun to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis, and ordanit Issobell Gray to be present also the said day.

Die xiiij mensis Januarii, anno lxxx quarto.

Decretum Joannis Scheves. Adulterii.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Scheves befoir the sessioun, and producit ane bill humlie schawing how that he for the filthy vice of adultrie committit be him with Margret Clapen hed humlit him self diveris tymes, alsweill in mynde and hart befoir God as publiclie in the kirk clothit in sek claith, as he yit is and salbe fra his hart evir penitent for the samyn; and thairfor maist humlie desyrit the sessioun and assemblie convenit to ressaif him in favour and societie with thame, and the rest of Christis kirk and memberis thairof; and if thai suld think gude to injune ony forder discipline to him for his offence, he offerrit him willing to obey the samyn with his hart and at his power; and thaireftir desyrit the barne procreat betuix thame in adultrie to be baptizit and ressavit in[1] Christis kirk; and heirupon desyrit the sessionis godlie and gude ansuer. The sessioun foirsaid, being movit partlie with the said Jhonis humiliatioun and willing obedience gude behaveour and honest conversatioun and abstinance, hes concludit and decernit all with ane voce that the said Jhone conpeir upon Sonday nixttocum, or ellis ony uther Sonday quhen he plesis within thir thre owkis, cled in sek claith as he did of befoir, and sitt on the hichest degre of the

[1] *In the in* in MS.

penitent stuill, and thair confes his offence in presens of God and the congregatioun, and ask thame forgevenes from his hart; and thaireftir the minister to ressaif him to the bosum of the kirk, and the barin to be baptizit.

Confessio Joannis Patersoun. Adulterii.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Patersoun mercheand citiner in St. Androus, quha grantis and confessis that he hes hed carnall daill with Issobell Gray in adultrie, he being mariit with Jonet Trymlay his spous. [He then admits his guilt but denies part of Issobell's statement.] The sessioun, in respect of his confessioun, with ane voce ordanis the said Jhone Paterson, and also the said Issobell in respect of hir confession, to begyn upon Sonday nixttocum thair humiliatioun for the said offence; to witt, thai baith to gidder to conpeir cled in sek claith beir heddit and beir futtit at the kirk dur of the said citee, at the secund bell to sermone befoir none, and to stand thair quhill the thrid bell to sermone be cessit; and thaireftir to conpeir to gidder on the hichest degre of the penitent stuill, and sitt as said is quhill the sermone and prayaris be endit, and sua furth to continew ilk Sonday quhill the kirk be satisfeit.

Decretum contra Patersoun, Gray.

Confessio Smalum, Lyell.

The quhilk day Patrik Smalum and Cristene Lyell grantis thai haif hed carnall daill to gidder on mariit. Thai ar ordanit to abstein in tyme cuming, and to mak humiliatioun for the offence ellis committit.

Die vigesimo mensis Januarii, anno lxxx quarto.

Patersoun Gray. *Adulterii.*

The quhilk day, the sessioun, at the hummill suit of Jhone Paterson adultrar and for utheris gude considerationis moving thame, hes ordanit that the said Jhone Patersoun mak humiliatioun, for the adultrie committit with Issobell Gray, him alane ane Sonday, and the said Issobell hir alane ane uthir Sonday, and sa furth to continew in humiliatioun as is ellis concludit thair owk about, quhill the kirk be satisfeit, conforme to the ordour.

Die xxvij° Januarii, anno lxxx quarto.

Confessio Oliphant, Mortoun.

The quhilk day, Thomas Oliphant and Agnes Myrtoun contractit in mariage, the said Agnes grantis sche is with

barn to the said Thomas, and that the samyn wes gottin befoir the contract. Thairfor the sessioun ordanis thame to be punisit for thair offence as fornicatouris, conforme to the actis and ordinances.

Die tertio mensis Februarii, anno lxxx quarto.

Confessio Weddell, Wilsoun.

The quhilk day, Cristene Weddell grantis sche hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with William Wilsoun duelling in Anstroyer, and that the barne wes gottin in Cathrein Peirsonis hous within this citee. The first tyme wes at the First[1] Fair last wes. Sche is ordanit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour, and promisis to caus William conpeir befoir the sessioun this day aucht dayis.

Anent ane commoun box.

The quhilk day, the haill sessioun presentlie convenit hes concludit and tocht gude, that ane commoun box be for custodie of the silver collectit to the puir, and that distributioun thairof be aucht tymes in the yeir, at discretioun of the sessioun.

Die xvij° Februarii, 1584.

Confessio Cuik, Law.

The quhilk day James Cuik flescheour and Jonet Law grantis thai haif gottin ane barne in fornicatioun. Thai ar thairfor decernit to enter in pressoun, and to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.

Confessio Wilsoun.

The quhilk day William Wilsoun in Anstroyer confessis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Cristen Weddell. He is decernit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour and to be impressonit.[2]

Die xxiiij^to^ Februarii, anno lxxx quarto.

Henry Forsyth and his spous to adheir.

The quhilk day, Henry Forsyth and Marioun Paty[3] his spous, baith present befoir the sessioun, grantis that thai ar laidfullie mariit, thairfor thai ar decernit to adheir to gidder,

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[1] *First first* in MS.

[2] At the end of the paragraph *He hes satisfeit*, and in the margin *sa.*, have been added but struck out again.

[3] Initial of surname altered.

as becummis mariit personis in the feir of God, in bed and buird, within xv dayis, under the pane of excommunicatioun.

Die tertio Marcii, anno octuagesimo quarto.

The quhilk day, Androw Gibsoun and Agnes Thomsoun his spous, baith present befoir the sessioun, grantis thai ar laidfullie mariit, thairfor thai ar ordanit be the sessioun to adheir to gidder as mariit personis in Goddis feir, within xv dayis, under the pane of excommunicatioun. Androw Gibsoun and his spous to adheir.

The quhilk day, conperit Grissell Gray, quha producit ane bill befoir the session, desiring James Lermonth apparand of Balcomy to be callit befoir thame, that he may confes and acknawlege his offence with hir, and mak publict humiliatioun for the violating of hir virginitie, and begatting of ane man cheld on hir in the filthye vice of fornicatioun, that thairefter the said barne may be baptizit. The session ordanis the said James to be warnit thairto to this day aucht dayis. Gray, Lermonth. *Adulterii.*

The quhilk day, Jhone Wilsoun in New Grange conperit befoir the sessioun, and signifiit to thame that Jhone Bowar and Jonet Hagy, his servandis, hes committit fornicatioun in his hous. The session ordanis thame to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis. Dilatioun on Jhone Bowar and Jonet Hagy.

The quhilk day Margret Dott confessis hir to be with barin to Nicholl Scott. The barn wes gottin in James Balcanquellis hous, and the first tyme sche knew him carnalie wes at Mertimes last wes, the nixt tyme about Zwill. Nicholl is ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Dott.

The quhilk day, Elene Carnow is ordanit to pay xiij s. iiij d. to the box of the puir, in part of pament of the Act, and thairefter hir barn to be baptizit, or ellis to enter in presson.—Now sche hes bein impressonit. Carnow.

Die decimo mensis Marcii, anno lxxx quarto.

The quhilk day, Jhone Patersoun adultrar, being ordanit to haif maid humiliatioun for his adultrie, ilk Sonday, his ouk about with Issobell Gray, producit ane supplicatioun desyring Patersoun.

him to be remittit fra forder satisfactioun, in respect that he hed diveris tymes ellis enterit upon the penitent stuill, and obeyit as the said bill at mair lenth proportis. The sessioun, nochtwithstanding of his suit, findis him nocht yit to be sufficientle humlit for his offence, nor yit hes he fulfillit the desyre of ordinances injunit to him; thairfor thai haif ordanit him to continew yit in humiliatioun, quhill forder ordour and that the kirk be satisfeit.

Confessio[1] Duncane, Orrok.

The quhilk day, Jhone Duncane grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with[2] Agnes Orrok, and that the barin wes gottin in James Pattonis hous. He is ordanit to enter in presson and mak humiliation. Orrok to be warnit. —And now Agnes Orrok conperis and grantis the saym, and that sche befoir bur ane barne in fornication to Mr. Mwrdo Mucheson, thairfor sche is relaps.

Confessio Scott, Dott.

The quhilk day, Nicholl Scott grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Margret Doit, anis at Michaelmes last wes, and nevir mair, in James Balcanquellis hous. He is decernit to enter in pressoun and mak humiliatioun.

Confessio Robertson, Miller.

The quhilk day, Elspot Robertsoun grantis sche hes borne ane madin barne in fornicatioun to Jhone Miller cultellar, xv oukis sensyne. The barn wes gottin in Alexander Milleris hous. Sche is ordanit to mak satisfactioun conforme to the ordour.

Die xvij° Marcii, anno lxxx quarto.

Decretum Colein.

The quhilk day, Issobell Leddop producit ane bill desyring Androw Colein younger to be decernit to performe the band of mariage with hir, conforme to the contract maid betuix thame in presens of the sessioun with consent of his father. Conperit the said Androw, quha refusit to performe the samyn, and baith the parteis confessis carnall copulatioun. Thai ar ordanit to be thairfor punisit as fornicatoris, and that Androw sall nocht be contractit in mariage heireftir with na uther persoun, quhill he first mak satisfactioun for the promis maid be him with consent of his parentis to the said Issobell as said is.

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[1] *Confesso* in MS.

[2] *With with* in MS.

Die xxiiij^to^ Marcii, anno lxxx quarto.

The quhilk day, Elspot Wilsoun, servand to Agnes Wemys, grantis sche is with barne to James Arnott, sone to the gudeman of Wodmiln, gottin in fornicatioun. The first tyme sche knew him carnalie wes at first Marie day last wes, in the brew hous, befoir none; and the last tyme efter Michaelmes, in the chalmer, behind the buird. The sessioun ordanis James Arnot to be warnit heirto howsone he cummis to this citee. *Confessio* Wilsoun, Arnott.

The quhilk day, George Dog is ordanit to produce testimoniall fra the minister of Logy, quhair he hes satisfeit the kirk for fornicatioun committit be him for the secund falt with [*blank*], befoir he be mariit with Cathrun Miller. Dog, Miller.

Die ultimo mensis Martii, anno lxxx quinto.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis James Lermonth apparand of Balcomy, to be warnit to conpeir befoir thame, to ansuer to the dilatioun of Grissell Gray gevin in befoir thame upon him, with certificatioun if he conpeir nocht he salbe publiclie summond; and siclyke, Dauid Orme younger to conpeir to ressaif his injunctionis, to satisfie the kirk, for fornicatioun committit be him with Elspot Rekie, with certificatioun if he failye he salbe publicle summond as said is; and that becaus thai and ilk ane of thame hes bein diveris tymes ellis warnit be James Steill officiar to the effect foirsaid, and hes disobeyit, quhilk the offici[ar] this day verefiit befoir the sessioun. To warn Lermonth, Orm, with certificatioun.

Die xiiij^to^ mensis Aprilis, anno lxxx quinto.

The quhilk day, the haill sessioun presentle convenit ratifeis and apprevis the Act maid anent thair convening ilk Weddinsday, and quha beis absent fra the sessioun ilk Weddinsday without licience, being within this citee or feildis thairto adjacent, sall pay xij d., and if thai be furth of this citee to be excusit. Act concerning the convening to sessioun ratifiit.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Russell oblisis him to ender Jhone Awdy and Elene Bawin his servandis fornicatouris in pressoun, and to caus thame satisfie the kirk thairfor, betuix *Obligatio* Russell, Awdy, Bawin.

this and the nixt Sonday efter Witsonday nixttocum, or ellis to pay xl s. for the man and xx s. for the woman to the puir.

Die Veneris, xvj^to Aprilis, anno lxxx quinto.

Celebratioun of the communioun, 1585.

The quhilk day, the sait hes tocht gude and appointit the communioun to be celebratit upon Sonday cum xv dayis, the ix day of Maii nixttocum. And sua examinatouris to the first quarter: Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour, Mr. Martine Geddy, William Ferry, elderis; Androw Watsoun scribe.

The secund quarter: Mr. James Martine, Mr. William Cok, James Robertsoun, elderis; Dauid Guidlaid scribe.

The thrid quarter: Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, Mr. Dauid Russell, Alexander Carstaris, James Smyth, elderis; and Charlis Watsoun scribe.

The ferd quarter: Mr. Jhone Rutherfurd minister, Alexander Wynster, Jhone Martine, elderis; Thomas Wod redar scribe.

Examinatioun to begin Mononday nixttocum xix of Aprile instant.

Die xxviij^o Aprilis, anno lxxx quinto.

Nota. Confessio Jacobi Lermonth, Gray.

The quhilk day, conperit James Lermonth apparand of Balcomy,[1] quha grantis that he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Grissell Gray within this citee, conforme to

[1] In speaking of his uncle Andrew, James Melville says:—'Another day he tuk a placcard, affixed upon the Collage yet, knawin, be the Italian and French toung, to be wrytin be James Lermont, appeirand of Balcomie; and in the application of his doctrine, quhilk was wounderfull persing and vehement, he produces the wryt, and haiffing the said James sittand befor him in the kirk, he thretnes him in particular with a judgment, that manie years efter was marked to strik upon the said James, to this effect: "Thow Frencheist, Italianist, jolie gentleman, wha has defyled the bed of sa manie maried, and now bosts with thy bastonados to defyll this kirk, and put hands in his servants, thow sall never enjoy the fruicts of mariage, be haifing lawfull succession of thy bodie; and God sall bastone thie in his righteous judgments!" This was rememberit when the said James, being Lard of Balcomie, leived manie yeirs in mariage without chyld, and taken be the Heiland-men coming out of the Leaws, was siccerlie bastoned, and sa hardlie used, that soone thairefter he died in Orkney, in the yeir 1598' (Melville's *Diary*, pp. 125, 126).

the dilatioun gevin in be the said Grissell aganis him; and, being desirit be the sessioun to mak humiliatioun and satisfactioun for the samyn, according to the ordour of discipline usit upon siclyke transgressouris within this parrochin and congregation, ansueris, that he is nocht ane parrochenar of this parrochin, bot remanis sumtymes, cumand and gangand to this citee, in visitatioun of his father presentle diseasit, and sua aucht nocht to be subject to the ordour of discipline observit in this congregatioun; bout[1] submittis him self to the Bischop of St. Androus, his ordinar, under quhais jurisdiction and power he allegis the session present sittis; and offerris him willing to underly sic punisment as[2] the said Bischop his ordinar will injune to him for his said offence. The sessioun hes tane to advis with the saidis allegeance, that the haill sessioun be convenit this day aucht dayis, and James Lermonth to be present the said day to that effect.

Confessio Strathawchin.

The quhilk day, Issobell Strathawin grantis sche is with barn to Jhone Carmichaell, servand to the Laird of Taruat younger, quhilk wes gottin in Thrid Part. Sche is ordanit to mak satisfactioun. Sche remanis in houshald with Euphame Cokburn. Euphame to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

Confessio Anstroyer.

The quhilk day, Androw Anstroyer, sone to Jhone Anstroyer of that ilk, grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun within the place of Kynkell with Cathrin Miln; the barne is now borne, and desyris the samyn to be baptizit. The sessioun ordanis the woman to be present befoir thame with him self this day aucht dayis, that thai may ressaif thair injunctionis for thair offence, quhilkis being fulfillit, thairefter the barne to be baptizit. Androw promisis to caus the woman to conpeir the said day.

Die quinto Maii, anno lxxx quinto.

Confessio Henderson, Armitour.

The quhilk day Cristene Hendersoun grantis sche hes hed carnall daill with William Armitour. Sche allegis the samyn wes under promis of mariage, and is ordanit to caus William conpeir with hir to ansuer thairto this day aucht dayis.

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[1] *Sic.*

[2] *As as* in MS.

Die duodecimo mensis Maii, anno Domini j^m v^c octuagesimo quinto.

Licience to Jhone Patersoun.

The quhilk day, at the humill suit of Jhone Patersoun adultrar, the sessioun hes grantit licience to him to saill, under conditioun that he enter agane in humiliatioun quhen God sendis him hame, and continew on the stuill of repentance ilk Sonday quhill the kirk be satisfeit, as he hes ellis done sevin Sondayis befoir.

Confessio Fogow.

The quhilk day, Elspot Fogow, being accusit befoir the sessioun for smoring of hir barne, denyis that sche smorit the barne; bot sayis that, xv oukis sensyne, hir barne being ane man cheild lying in the bed with hir in the nicht, hir barne deit soddanlie; bot sayis that hir barne wes ten oukis seik befoir, quhilk sche offerris hir to preif. The sessioun ordanis hir to produce probatioun thairon this day aucht dayis, sche being warnit heirto *apud acta.*

Confessio Cwninghame, Wilsoun. Sa.

The quhilk day, Agnes Cunighame grantis sche hes born ane barn in fornicatioun to Henry Mathie *alias* Wilsoun, duelling in Baldony.[1] Henry also present grantis the samyn. Thai ar ordanit to be impressonit and to satisfie, and thairefter the barne to be baptizit.—Thai haif baith satisfeit.

Die nono Junii, anno Domini j^m v^c lxxx quinto.

Confessio Donaldsoun, Broun.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Donaldson and Bessy Broun, quha confessis thai haif committit fornicatioun, and that Bessye is presentle with barn to him. Thai ar decernit to be impressoniat conforme to the ordour, and thairefter to mak humiliatioun.

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[1] No doubt *Baldinnie*, then in the parish of St. Andrews, now in Ceres. Archbishop Spottiswoode—'for the weill and commoditie of the tennentis and inhabitantis of the landis of Kynninmonthe, Baldinny, Ballchuny mylne, Ardnydie, Ladedie lyme landis, Over and Nethir Magaskies, and Balmakie medow, pertening heretablie to Mr. Thomas Hope of Craighall, advocat, lyand of auld within the parochyn of Sanctandros—ordanit that they sall repair to the kirk of Seres, in all tyme cuming, for heiring of the Word, partaking of the sacramentis, ressaving of the benefite of mariage, and utheris benefites and liberties of ane paroche kirk.' Even before Spottiswoode took this step these tenants and inhabitants are said to have repaired to the kirk of Ceres as the 'maist ewest and commodious for thame.' And in 1621 Parliament ratified the Archbishop's ordinance, and also dissolved and separated 'the saidis landis frome the said kirk of Sanctandros,' and united them to 'the said kirk of Seres' (*Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, iv. 682).

Die xxiij° Junii, anno lxxx quinto.

The quhilk day the sessioun hes deliverit to James Steill for his yeiris fie xl s. [James Steill.]

Die xiiij^to Julii, anno lxxx quinto.

The quhilk day, James Andersoun in Laderny, present befoir the session, grantis that sen the tyme he wes contractit with Issobell Bowsy he hes knawin hir carnalie. He is ordanit to mak satisfaction conforme to the ordour, and to caus the said Issobell be present befoir thame, to ansuer thairto, this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Anderson, Bowsy.

Die xj°[1] *Augusti, anno lxxx quinto.*

The quhilk day, the sessione ordanis to gif to Thomas Bein[s] twa markis, for support of his hous malis in this yeir, and for al yeiris bygane v z.,[2] ane mark in the yeir in tymis cuming.[3] Beins.

Die penultimo mensis Junii, anno Domini j^m v^c octuagesimo sexto.[4]

Mr. Robert Wilkie, minister.[5]

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[1] In MS *xj^to*.

[2] Probably five yopindales or zopindalers. The Joachim thaler, a silver coin of the sixteenth century, varied in value from fifteen to twenty shillings Scots, and was popularly known as the yopindale.

[3] The clause *in tymes cuming* is added in another hand; but after *in* there is a word, partly shut in by the binder, beginning *cu*, which is in the same hand as the bulk of the paragraph.

[4] This blank of nearly a year in the *Register* was doubtless caused by the pest or plague, when, as an entry under this date puts it, 'all gude ordour cessit in this citee.' Patrick Forbes of Corse, writing to James Melville, in October 1585, says, 'Mr. Johne Rutherfurde is deid in the pest, and hath glorified God by a notable confessioun of his indirect and evill dealing in the mater of his min istrie' (Calderwood's *History*, iv. 382). Melville says that this pest, sent by God in the summer of 1585, 'past throw the principall townes, and raget till almaist utter vastation in the townes of Edinbruche, St. Androis, St. Jhonstoun, and Dondie, in sic sort that the comoun clamer of the peiple was against the Court' (*Diary*, p. 222). He likewise tells how, after the meeting of Parliament, 'the pest abated, and began to be stranglie and remarkablie withdrawin, be the mercifull hand of God, sa that Edinbruche was frequented again that wintar; and at the entrie of the spring, all the townes, almost desolat befor, repeipled, and St. Androis amangs the rest' (*Ibid.*, p. 245).

[5] Written in the margin.

Elderis and deaconis votit electit and chosin.

Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour
Mr. James Martine, Provest of the Auld College
Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, ane of the maisteris of the New College
Henry Lawmonth, bailye
Mr. Dauid Russell, bailye
William Lermonth, bailye
Mr. William Cok, bailye
Mr. Dauid Auchmoty
Thomas Lentroun
Mr. Thomas Broun
Mr. William Russell
Patrik Guthere.

Elderis up on land.
James Forsyth of Nyde
Martine Carstrophein in Byrehillis.

Deaconis.

William Zwill
Charlis Watsoun
Dauid Guidlaid
Martine Lummisdane
Patrik Playfeir
Jhone Hagy
Androw Wrycht
Thomas Lundy.

Deaconis up on land.
Jhone Smyth in Balone
Dauid Pattoun in Balrymonth.

Ratificatioun of the actis and statutis.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deaconis aboif writin affermit ratifiit and apprevit the haill actis and statutis, maid be the sessioun upon the fyft day of November lxxij yeiris; and ar all solemnatlie suorn bund and oblist to observe keip and fulfill the samyn, and the dayis and hour of thair convening, as also Thomas Wod redar, under the panis contenit in the saidis actis. Mr. James Martine and Mr. Dauid Auchmoty elderis, William Zwill and Patrik Playfer dakynis, being absent.

The enteres of Mr. Robert Wilkie minister.

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Robert Wilkie, electit minister and pastour of this congregatioun of St. Androus, quha ratifiit and apprevit the haill actis and statutis of this sessioun, maid in this buik for outsetting of Goddis glorie gude ordour and disopline to be hed within the said parrochin; and being solemnatlie suorn promist to observe and keip the samyn at his power, and to discharge his office and cuir in all thingis at his

power, as God suld minister to him his grace. And the session present consentis to the said Mr. Robertis admission; and ratifeis all thingis done be the kirk and Kingis grace in his favour, tuiching his enteres to the ministrie.[1]

Dilatio Miller, Bruce.

The quhilk day, it is delatit to the sessioun and ministrie that James Miller, induelling in this citee, hes committit incest with Elizabeth Bruce, and that thai wer inordourlie mariit tyme of plaig, quhen all gude ordour cessit in this citee, be Robert Arthour, aganis the law of God and gude ordour of the kirk. The sessioun ordanit the saidis parteis to be warnit to conpeir befoir thame, to ansuer to the said dilatioun, this day aucht dayis.

The communioun is concludit to be celebratit upon Sonday cum xv dayis, and examinatioun to begyn Mononday nixttocum.

Ratificatioun of the act anent the contractis. Wilkie.

The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Wilkye minister ratifeis the act maid anent the contracting of mariage, oblising him to observe and kep the samyn and contentis thairof, quhilk is of the dait the fourt of November lxxxiiij yeris, under pane contenit thairin.

Confessio Balfour, *rij.* Sa.

The quhilk day, Jhone Balfour in Kincapill grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Margret Pryde, quhilk he desyris to be baptizit, and offeris him to mak satisfactioun thairfor. The sessioun ordanis him to caus Margret Pryde be

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[1] Robert Wilkie having been chosen moderator of the Provincial Assembly or Synod of Fife in April 1586, and Patrick Adamson having been excommunicated by it, he urged, in his *Appelation*, that Wilkie was 'a laick man, a regent in a colledge allanerlie, who has no impositioun of hands, nather can be anie lawfull president over the ministrie.' James Melville, in his Answer, exclaims :—'That distinctioun of yours betuixt the clergie and laicks, in your thrid reasoun, smelles of the pride of Papistrie. . . . It is notoriouslie knowne, that Mr. R. Wilkie was appointed by the Act of Reformatioun of the Colledges to teache Theologie, and expone the Scriptures. . . . And so, where yee first terme Mr. Robert a laick, and nixt call him a regent in a colledge, the secund convicts the first of an untruthe, and by repugnance overthrowes it. More, it is als notorious that the same Mr. Robert has beene *propheta* upon the exercise this sixteene yeere, and at the first erection of the Presbyterie in Sanct Andrewes, by commoun vote of the brethrein to have beene elected and ordeaned an elder of the samine, and sensyne has continued labouring in the Word and doctrine, especiallie the yeere last bypast, in the toun of St. Andrewes, to the great confort of the people, when the hyreling bishop, their pretended pastor, had shamefullie left them in great miserie and desolatioun' (Calderwood's *History*, iv. 513, 517).

present with him this day aucht [dayis],[1] and to ressaif thair directioun.—Now Margret conperand with him, thai ar baith ordanit to be impressonit and to mak humiliatioun.

Confessio, Finlasoun, Kellie.

The quhilk day, Walter Finlosoun tailyeour grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Cathrin [2] Kelly, offerris him to mak satisfaction thairfor, and thairefter desyris the barn to be baptizit. The session ordanis Margret [2] to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and than to gif ansuer.—Now Margret [3] conperit, and thai are baith ordanit to be impressonit, and thairefter to mak humiliation.

[Miller, Bruce.]

The sessioun ordanis to warn James Miller and Bessy Bruce [*Forbes*—deleted] his spous, to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to sic thingis as salbe sperit at thame tuching thair mariage, quhilk is allegit to be insestuous.

Confessio Spens, Broun, xv [dayis].

The quhilk day, conperit Jonet Spens, quha grantis sche hes born ane man cheld in fornicatioun to Nicholl Bron, now duelling in Edinburgh, desyris hir barn to be baptizit, and offerris hir to mak humiliatioun, becaus the barin wes gottin in this citee. The session ordanis hir to produce testimoniall subscrivit be ane of the ministeris of Edinburgh of Nichollis grant and that he takis with the barn, and of his humiliatioun; and thairefter to gif hir ansuer.

Oliphant, Mortoun, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Thomas Oliphant desyrit the rest of his bannis of mariage to be proclamit betuix him and Agnes Morton, and offerrit him reddy to mak humiliatioun for the fornicatioun committit be him with the said Agnes, and that thairefter thai may be mariit. The session tuik to advis thairwith quhill this day aucht dayis, seing he is relappis in fornicatioun and na satisfaction yit done.

Peblis, Scott, *rij.*

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis William Peblis, in Straythkynnes, to caus Cristene Scott conpeir befoir thame this day aucht dayis with him, to ansuer to sic thingis as salbe demandit, and thairefter he to haif ansuer of his bill.

Die sexto mensis Julii, anno lxxx sexto.

Bannis of mariage.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that na

[1] Omitted. [2] *Sic.* [3] Contraction for *Mar.* only in MS.

personis be mariit within this congregatioun, quhidder thair bannis be proclamit or nocht, befoir the parteis with thair parentis conpeir befoir the sessioun and verefie thair contract; and that na forder proclamatioun of bannis be maid quhill thai also conpeir befoir the sessioun as said is; and that na testimoniall of mariage be gevin bot be consent of the session, nather be the minister nor redar.

Miller, Bruce.

The quhilk day, James Steill officir verifiit that he hed warnit James Miller and Elizabeth Bruce to this day personalle, to ansuer to the dilation [1] gevin in aganis thame this day aucht dayis; and becaus thai conperit nocht thai ar ordanit yit as of befoir to be warnit to conpeir to the effect foirsaid, under pane of disobedience, this day aucht dayis.

That all thingis be keip secrete.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be pluralite of voitis in sessioun that all thingis spokin and done in sessioun, ather in voting ressoning or utherwyis, be kepit secrete, no revelit to ony persoun outwith the consall hous; and if ony questioun fallis out betuix ony of the bretherin, the samyn salbe first tryit befoir the sessioun or it pas to ony uther juge.

Confessio Scott, Peblis.

The quhilk day, conperit befoir the sessioun William Peblis and Cristene Scott in Straythkynnes, and desyrit thair banis of mariage to be proclamit becaus thai ar ellis contractit, and thair efter to be mariit conforme to the ordour. The sessioun, understanding be dilation that Cristene Scott hes born ane barn in adultrie to Androw Erle of Rothes, for the quhilk sche hes nocht yit satisfeit the kirk, quhilk the said Cristene in presens of the sessioun confessit, and that the said barn wes gottin in the Newtoun within the parrochin of Sanct Fillane; [2] and also that Jhone Downy, sumtyme duelling in Tessis now in St. Androus, maist ongodlie aganis all gude ordour in hie contempt of Christ and his kirk, usurping the office of ane minister, on his maner baptizit the said barn upon Friday, betuix viij and ix houris, befoir non, the xxv of Februar last wes, in the hous of James Carstaris younger in Straythkynnes, in presens of Jhone Scott thair, Alexander Hagy thair, the said James Carstaris and his wyffe; the sessioun thairfor refusis to proclame thair bannis or to marie thame, unto the tyme

Downy, *rij.*

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[1] *Dilagatioun* in MS. [2] Better known as the parish of *Forgan*.

that the said Cristene first haif satisfeit for hir offence, conforme to the ordour of the kirk, within the parroche kirk of Sanct Fillane, within the quhilk parrochin the offence wes done; quhilk being done and satisfactioun dewlie maid conforme to the ordinances of the kirk, and sufficient testimoniale producit be Cristene thairupon, than the sessioun suld proceid according [to][1] the law of God and gude ordour; and ordanis Jhone Downy to be warnit to[2] conpeir befoir thame, this day aucht dayis, to ansuer for his offence.

Die Mercurii, xiij° Julii, anno lxxx sexto.

Confessio Bowy, Sa. Turubill.

The quhilk day, conperit Elene Bowy and desyrit the barn procreat in fornicatioun betuix hir and Dauid Turubill to be baptizit, and offerrit hir reddy to underly discipline. As also Jhone Wilson, portioner in New Grange, and Alane Greg, citiner in this citee, offerris thame cautioneris, under the pane of xl ℔., to caus Dauid Turubull satisfie the kirk for his offence at his hame cuming fra the saill, quhair to he is now presentle; becaus thai declarit on thair consciences that thai hard Dauid tak with the barn to be his barn, and geif thame command to be cautioneris as said is. The session ordanis the said Elene to mak humiliatioun for hir offence, and thairefter to baptis the barn; and hes ressavit the saidis Jhone and Alane cautioneris that Dauid sall satisfie the kirk as said is, under the said pane.

Supplicatioun of Cristene Zwill excommunicat to be ressavit to the kirk.

The quhilk day, conperit Cristene Zwill, ane persoun excommunicat for adultrie committit with umquhill Jhone Robertson, producit hir humill supplicatioun, desyring hir, for the merceis of God, to be ressavit agane in the bosum of the kirk amangis hir nichbouris and utheris trew Christianis, offerring hir willing with all humilite to underly sic injunctionis and forder discipline for hir offence as the kirk sall think gude. The session, maist willing and mercifull to ressaif the conplaner as is desyrit, continewit thair ansuer heirin to this day aucht dayis, for forder triall of the said Cristinis humiliatioun and repentance.

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[1] Omitted.

[2] *To this* in MS.

The quhilk day, conperit Agnes Lokkard, quha declaris that sche hes born ane barn in fornicatioun to Robert Melvill, and that the barn wes gottin in Robertis chalmer in this citee, thre owkis befoir Candilmes in the lxxxiiij yeiris. The sessioun ordanis Robert to be warnit to ansuer to this dilatioun this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Lokkard, Melvill, *rij.*

The quhilk day, becaus Jhone Downy wes warnit to this day and conperit nocht, the sessioun ordanis him to be warnit agane for the secind tyme to this day aucht dayis, under pane of disobedience. Downy, *rij.*

The quhilk day, conperit Bessy Craighall in Ardeth and declarit to the sessioun, in presens of Thomas Oliphant, that sche hes born ane barn to him in fornicatioun; and offerris hir to humiliatioun, desyring the barn to be baptizit, and Thomas to be decernit to tak the barn fra hir and sustein the samyn in tymes cuming. Thomas present grantis the barn to be his, and that the samyn wes gottin in the Castell of Luicheris; and oblissis him willinglie to mak humiliatioun for his offence, and to pay to the said Issobel four ℔. money for the barnis buird quhill this day tolmonth, and thairefter to tak the barn fra hir and sustein the samyn in all tyme cuming on his expensis. Becaus the barn wes gottin within the parrochin of Luicheris, the sessioun ordanis the parteis to mak satisfaction for the offence within the kirk of Luicheris, and to report testimoniall thairof, and thairefter the barn to be baptizit. *Confessio Craighall, Oliphant. Obligatio ejusdem.*

The quhilk day Margret Greg and Androw Awdy present grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun in this citee. The session ordanis thame to satisfie the kirk thairfor conforme to the ordour, quhilk being done the barn to be baptizit.[1] Androw Awdy oblissis him willingle to tak the barn away fra the said Margret within aucht dayis, and thairefter to sustein the barn on his expensis in all tymes cuming. *Confessio* Awdy, Greg. Sa. *Obligatio ejusdem.*

The quhilk day, in terme statut to Jonet Spens to produce testimoniall of ane of the ministeris of Edinburgh that Nicholl Broun takis with hir barn, conperit the said Jonet, quha producit ane testimoniall, quhilk the session findis nocht sufficient; thairfor, thai ordane hir to produce ane mair Spens, Bron.

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[1] *Baptzit* in MS.

sufficient testimoniall, and thairefter thai suld proceid according to the ordour.

Confessio Zwill, Patersoun. Satisfeat.

The quhilk day, conperit William Zwill mariner and Elspot Patersoun, and grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun, and desyris the samyn to be baptizit. The sessioun ordanis thame to satisfie the kirk conforme to the ordour, and thairefter the samyn to be baptizit. Ordanit to pay iij ℔.

Oliphant, Sa. Mortoun.

The quhilk day, conperit Thomas Oliphant and Elspot Mortoun, and grantis that Elspot hes ellis born ane barn in fornicatioun, and that sche belevis hir to be with ane uther, yit on mariit. The session, in respect thairof, and that the said Thomas hes gottin ane uther barn in fornicatioun with Bessy Craighall, and that this is thryis that he hes offendit, ordanis him to be xx dayis impressonit conforme to the ordour, or ellis to pay ix ℔. in part of pament of the Act of Parliament, and thairefter all his thre barnis to be baptizit.[1]

Ordinance to Margret Moncur.

The quhilk day, the session ordanis Margret Moncur to be punisit for hir sklander,[2] as ane[3] sklanderir, and thaireftir hir barn quhilk sche desyris to be baptizit; becaus that Dauid Watson, on quhome sche fatheris the barn, being callit and accusit befoir the session, the xv day of Aprile lxxxiiij yeris, thairupon denyit in his conscience that evir he knew the said Margret carnalie, and that he is nocht hir barnis father. And in the mane tyme, it is thocht gude that Mr. Jhone Robertson, Mr. William Cok, and William Lermonth, confer with the said Dauid Watson in this mater, and report ansuer this day aucht dayis.

Rij.

Accusatio Miller, Bruce.

The quhilk day, conperit James Miller, as he that wes warnit to conpeir to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him Weddinsday the penult of Junii last wes, quha being desirit to separat him self fra the cumpane of Elizabeth Bruce his pretendit spous, his first wyfis sister dochter,[4] with quhome he is incestuisle mariit aganis Goddis law and ordour of the kirk, ansueris he is nocht on lauchfullie mariit, bot with ordour as

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[1] *Baptzit* in MS. [2] *Sklanderir* in MS.

[3] *As ane as ane* in MS. The clause has originally run—*for hir adultrie as ane adultrix.*

[4] This clause is added in the margin.

he allegis, and thairfor refusit to seperat him self.[1] The sessioun thairfor ordanit him and his pretendit spous to conpeir befoir the nixt Synodall Assemblie in Sanctandrous to ansuer to the said dilatioun.

Die Mercurii, xix° Julii, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, Mr. William Cok, and William Lermonth, being appointit[2] be the sessioun, efter conferrance with Dauid Watsoun to report his ansuer, thai being present declaris that thai conferrit with Dauid, quha constantlie, yit as of befoir conforme to his aith ellis gevin, denyis that evir he knew Margret Moncur carnalie, and that he is nocht hir barnis father. Thairfor the sessioun ordanis Margret Moncur to be punisit for sklandering of Dauid, and ordanis thaireftir hir barin to be baptizit as ane barn gottin in laidfull mariage with umquhill Alexander Lundy hir husband. Watsoun, Moncur.

The quhilk day, Jhone Downy, being warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him anent the baptizing of ane barne in the Act maid the sext of Julii instant, conperit and confessis that about the tyme libellit, efter none, as he com fra Sanctandrous, rememberis he being present with Alexander Broun in Straythkynnes, James Carstaris younger thair, Aleson Downy his spous, and sum utheris that he rememberis nocht, Cristane Scott haifand hir awin barn in hir armes, gottin with Androw Erle of Rothes as he herris say, he said to the barn, Alexander,[3] I baptis ye in the name of the Father, Sone and Holy Goist. The sessioun ordanis the remanent witnes to be warnit for forder triall to this day aucht dayis, and Jhone Downy warnit thairto *apud acta*. *Confessio* Downy.

The quhilk day, Margret Thomson grantis sche is with barn to Androw Carmichaell, quhilk wes gottin [in][4] the Hauche, tyme of the plaig. [It is ordanit][4] to warn Carmichaell to ansuer this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Thomsoun, Carmichaell.

The quhilk day Jhone Watsoun in Darsy desyris ane man cheld gottin be him in fornication on Issobell Meblow to be *Confessio* Watson, Sa. Meblo. Sa.

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[1] *Selfis* in MS. [2] *Appoint* in MS. [3] Interlined over *James* deleted.
[4] Omitted.

baptizit. The session ordanis Meblo to be warnit to this day aucht dayis to ansuer thairto.

Confessio Wilkye.

The quhilk day Agnes Wilky grantis hir to be with barne to Dauid Bissett. The sessioun ordanis Dauid to be warnit [to ansuer][1] thairto this day aucht dayis.

Die xxvij° Julii, 1586.

Melvill, Lokkard, *rij.*

The quhilk day being appointit be the sessioun to Robert Melvill, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him be Agnes Lokkard the xiij of Julii instant, as he that wes laidfulle warnit to this day for the secund tyme, as wes verefiit be James Steill officiar; becaus he conperis nocht, the session[2] ordanis him to be warnit to this day aucht dayis for the thrid tyme, under pane of publict admonitioun.

Robertsoun, Williamsoun.

The quhilk day, Dauid Robertsoun being twois warnit to conpeir befoir the session to ansuer to the complant of Dauid Williamsoun, as he also this day contempteusle disobeis, the sessioun ordanis him to be warnit for the thrid tyme to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonitioun.

Downy, *rij.*

The quhilk day, in terme appointit to preif the dilatioun gevin in aganis Jhone Downy, conperit Alexander Broun, Alexander Hagy, Jhone Scott, James Carstaris elder, and William Oliphant, all duelling in Straythkynnes, witnes, warnit to this day be James Steill officiar, ressavit suorn and admittit in presens of Jhone Downy, opponand na thing aganis thame. Quha, being examinat particularle and severale, deponit as followis: that is to say, Alexander Hagy deponis that about the tyme libellit he saw Cristene Scott bring in the barn to James Carstaris youngeris hous in Straythkynnes, and saw and hard Jhone Downy tak watter furth of ane plait, haldin be Alesoun Downy his sister, and say to the barin, Alexander, I baptize ye in the name of the Father, Sone, and Holy Goist. And the deponar com in of ane accident, and saw and hard thir thingis, and said to the said Jhone Downy, at that tyme, Weill, weill, schiris! this [is][1] nocht godly labour, quha commandit this? Bot Jhone Downy ansuerit, I sall tak all the

[1] Omitted. [2] *Sessionis* in MS.

plicht and perrell in my awin hand. Jhone Scott witnes, suorn and examinat, deponis conforme to Alexander Hagy in all thingis. Alexander Broun, witnes, examinat, deponis that he wes in James Carstaris hous, tyme libellit, in Straythkynnes, and saw Cristene Scott bring in the barn libellit in hir armes, and hard Jhone Downy say to the barn, Alexander, I baptize ye in the name of the Father, Sone, and Holy Goist; and saw na watter as he rememberis; and this wes done befoir none. The sessioun ordanis to warn James Carstaris younger and his wyffe, to conpeir this day aucht dayis for the secind tyme, in presens of Downy warnit *apud acta.*

Die Mercurii, tertio Augusti, 1586.

The quhilk day, Robert Melvill, being warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatioun of Agnes Lokkart, conperit and denyit the barn to be his barn; yit the sessioun tocht gude to warn Robert and Lokkart to be confrontit this day aucht dayis. Melvill, Lokkart, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Henry Andersoun and Elspot Dauidsoun baith present grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun, and desyrs the samyn to be baptizit. The sessoun ordanis thame first to satisfie the kirk for thair offence, and thaireftir the barn to be baptizit. *Confessio* Andersoun, Dauidsoun.

The quhilk day, in terme statut to do diligence for James Carstaris and Alesoun Downy, witnes in the caus of dilatioun gevin in upon Jhone Downy for baptizing the barn, etc., conperit the saidis witnes, quha, in presens of Jhone Downy, ar ressavit suorn and admittit, nathing be him aganis thame opponit; quha deponit as followis: to witt, James Carstaris younger deponis that, about the tyme libellat, he being passand in and furth in his hous in Straythkynnes, Alexander Hagy, Alexander Broun, and Jhone Scott, being thair, he hard Jhone Downy call the barn libellit Alexander, and that the barn wes than on Cristene Scottis kne; and knawis na forder. Alesoun Downy witnes deponis that, the nycht befoir the barn wes baptizit, Jhone Downy com to hir hous in Straythkynnes; and sche menit than to Jhone Downy that thair wes ane pur woman in that town, quha hes ane barn to be baptizit and can nocht gait ane name to hir barn; and that Jhone Downy said Downy, Scott, *rij.*

than to hir, That may be easy done, ony man may baptize ane barn if the barn be waik. And scho confessis that upon the morn, sche com to Cristene Scott and said to hir, Now ye may cum to our hous, for the thing that ye wald haif done, to witt, your barn baptizit, ye may haif it, for thair is ane man in our hous mair habill to do that thing nor I am. And now thaireftir the dilatioun with the haill actis and depositionis of witnes being red in presens of the session, and thai all being weill advisit thairwith, and being past in voting, the dilatioun is fund to be sufficientlie provin. Thairfor the sessioun thinkis Jhone Downy worthy of punisment, and continewis thair pronunciatioun and the maner how he sall be punisit and ordour to be takin thairanent, quhill this day aucht dayis; and in the meanetyme requistis the minister to expone the caus to the Prisbittrie, and to report thair advis and consall thairin this day aucht dayis; and Jhone Downy is warnit to this day aucht dayis to that effect.

Die decimo Augusti, 1586.

Downy, *rij*.

The quhilk day, the session, for gude caus and considerationis moving thame and quhill the Prisbittries advis be hed, contines[1] thair pronunciatioun in the caus of dilatioun aganis Jhone Downy to this day aucht dayis.

Melvill, Lokkart.

The quhilk day, conperit Robert Melvill, quha, being demandit be the minister, grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Agnes Lokkart; bot, being demandit if the barn be his quhilk Agnes hes born, ansueris on this maner, On my conscience that barn that Agnes hes born is nocht myne. The session ordanis baith the parteis to be punisit for thair fornicatioun as fornicatouris, and, quhen forder triall of the father of the barn salbe hed, ordanis the barn to be baptizit; bot Lokkart, being present confrontit with Robert, constantle affermis the barn to be Robertis barn, and nane utheris, quhilk wes gottin tyme libellit, and born at the tyme libellit, betuix v and sex houris in the morning. The sessioun thinkis yit gude that Robert be mair spetiale inquerit of the tyme and place.[2]

[1] Continues.

[2] To clear up such cases of disputed paternity was evidently one of the reasons why the session inquired so minutely as to the time and place of sinning.

The quhilk day, becaus Beatrix Monipenny hes bein twois warnit of befoir to ansuer befoir the session, and disobeyit, the session ordanis hir to be warnit for the thrid tyme, to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonition. Monipenny, *rij.*

The quhilk day being laidfullie warnit be publict edict.[1]

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar producit befoir the sessioun ane publict edict, dewlie execut and indorsat be him, bering and makand mentioun how that he, upon Sonday the last of Julii last, oppinle in presens of the pepill, and be publict reding of the said edict, hed warnit all personis quhatsumevir that wald object and allege ony ressonabill caus quhy Cristene Zwill, adultrice with[2] umquhill Jhone Robertson, being for the samyn excommunicat, suld nocht be ressavit agane to the unite of the kirk; that thai suld conpeir this day befoir the session in the consall hous, at tua eftir none, and thair thair ressonis suld be weill hard and ordourlie discussit; with intimatioun, if nane conperit to object, that silence suld be reput for thair haill consent. And becaus nane conperit to that effect, laidfull tyme biddin, thairfor the session ordanit Cristene to be ressavit agane to the unite of the kirk, sche first standand twa Sundayis and ane Weddinsday at the kirk dur, fra the secund bell to sermone, quhill the first prayar and Psalme be done and endit befoir sermone, cled in sek claith; and thairefter cum to the hichest degre of the penitent stuill, and sitt quhill the sermone be endit; and befoir the prayar depart to the kirk dur, and stand quhill the haill pepill haif ishet furth; and the last Sonday of the tua Sondayis, the said Cristene to be ressavit agane to the unite of the kirk in maner following, to witt, in[3] the publict assemblie of the congregatioun, hir offencis breflie being repetit be the minister, Cristene sall acknawlege the same and promis with the assistance of Goddis Spirite nevir to commit the lyke agane, humill hir self on hir kneis, ask God mercy and the hoill congregatioun forgifnes. This done the minister sall first ressaif hir be the hand in the pulpeit quhair he standis, and syne sall appoint hir to pas to samony of the elderis as salbe depute to sitt togidder *Penetentia* Cristine Zwill. *Adulterii.*

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[1] Here this entry ends, being probably a bungled beginning of the next.

[2] *With with* in MS. [3] *The minister in* in MS.

for that purpois, quhilkis in name of the kirk sall ressaif hir, and embreace hir as thair sister, to the unite of the kirk. And last of all the minister sall gif thankis to God for hir conversioun, and mak publict prayar for hir continowance, according to the purpois, as the Spirit of God sall move his hart for the tyme.

Die Mercurii, xvij° Augusti, anno Domini j^m v^c lxxx sexto.

Decretum contra Downy.

The quhilk day, as in terme statut to pronunce in the caus of dilatioun gevin in aganis Jhone Downy, for the ungodly, aganis all gude ordour, in hie contempt of Christ Jesus and his kirk, usurping the office of ane minister, on his pretendit maner baptizit ane man cheild born of Cristene Scott—allegit gottin on hir in adultery with Androw Erle of Rothes—sayand thir wordis, and takand watter furth of ane plat in his hand, layand the saym on the barnis heid, Alexander, I baptize ye in the name of the Father, Sone and Holy Goist. Quhilkis thingis being sufficientle verefiit and provin befoir the ministrie and session, thai, being well and ryplie advisit, pronuncis ordanis and decernis the said Jhone Downy for his offence to pay to the box of the puir thre li. money, and to cum upon Sonday cum aucht dayis to the hichest degre of the penitent stuill, cled in sek claith, beir heddit and bair futtit, and sitt thair quhill the sermon and prayar be done befoir none, in presens of the peipill; and thairefter cum down and humill him self on his kneis, ask God mercy and the hoill congregatioun quhome he hes sklanderit forgifines; and, if he failyeis heirin, that he sitt cled as said is on the said penitent stuill ilk Sonday for half ane yeir to cum, as adulteraris usis to do for thair offences, under the pane of excommunicatioun.[1]

Die Mercurii, ultimo mensis Augusti, anno lxxx sexto.

Confessio Oliphant, Pitcarne, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Agnes Oliphant grantis sche is with barn

[1] The authors of the *First Book of Discipline*, in requiring the Great Council of Scotland to make 'strait lawis' against the manifest despiser and the prophaner of the sacraments, say:—'We dare not prescribe unto you what penalties shalbe required of suche; but this we fear not to affirme, that the ane and the other deserve death' (Laing's *Knox*, ii. 254).

to Dauid Pitcarne, quhilk wes gottin at Fastronisevin last wes in Pittarthy. The sessoun ordanis Dauid to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day Alexander Zoung and Issobell Anderson present grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun within Kynnynmonth.[1] Thai ar ordanit to be impressonit and to mak publict humiliation.—Now thai haif payit for impressoment xxij s. to the puir in part of pament of the Act. *Confessio* Zoung, Andersoun. S.

The quhilk day, the sessioun payit to James Steill thair officiar for ane yeiris fie, to wit, Mertimes terme in the lxxx fyve, and Witsonday terme the four scoir sex yeiris, fourty schillingis. James Steill fie.

Die Mercurii, decimo quarto Septembris, 1586.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, at the humill suit of Agnes Lokkart desyring the barn gottin on[2] hir in fornicatioun be Robert Melvill to be baptizit, and hir for hir offence to be ressavit to humiliatioun according to the ordour of the kirk, ordanis the said Agnes to be impresonit, and thairefter mak repentans, and syne ordanis the barn to be baptizit; and ordanis Robert Melvill to be chargit to enter in presson for his offence, and to mak satisfaction conforme to the ordour. Lokkart, Melvill.

The quhilk day, Grissell Gray, being warnit to this day, conpert, and, being accusit for keping of ane on baptizit barn in hir cumpanie, also desyrit to mak humiliatioun for hir offence, hes desyrt delay quhill this day aucht dayis and than to gif hir ansuer. Gray.

The quhilk day, James Robertsoun and Margret Scott, committeris of insest, ar commandit and ordanit be the session to enter baith to gidder on the penitent stuill Sonday nixttocum, and thairefter thair barn to be baptizit; and Jhone Sourdy mercheand is oblist be thir presentis of his awin propir confession cautioner for James and Margret, that thai sall sinder cumpanie, and fulfill the ordinance of the Synodall Assemblie for thair offencis; and James and Margret ar oblist to releif the said Jhone Sourdy of the premissis. *Decretum* Robertsoun.

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[1] Then in St. Andrews parish, now in Ceres. See p. 558, *n.*

[2] Has at first run *born be.*

Die Mercurii, xxj Septembris, anno lxxx sexto.

Spens, Broun.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, at the humill suit of Jonet Spens, in respect that it is sufficientle verifiit befoir thame that Nicholl Broun hes confessit the barn that Jonet hes born to be his, ordanis Jonet to mak humiliatioun for hir offence, and thaireftir the barn to be baptizit.

Sa. *Confessio* Gray, Balcomy.

The [quhilk day],[1] conperit Grissell Gray, quha wes content to satisfie the ordour of the kirk for hir offence committit in fornicatioun with James Lermonth of Balcomy, sua that thai wald caus the said James also to satisfie, utherwyis refusit to mak humiliatioun; and offerrit thre ĩi. to the puir to remit hir humiliatioun publict, and to baptis hir barn; quhilk the session refusit, onles sche wald mak publict humiliatioun, and, sche satisfeand the kirk, ordanis the barn to be baptizit.

Die xij° Octobris, anno lxxx sexto.

Elderis and deaconis, nominatioun.

The quhilk day being appointit to all parteis to object aganis the personis nominat elderis and deaconis, quhy thai micht nocht stand in election; and, becaus nane conperit to that effect, the sait[2] ordanis the electioun to proceid according to the ordour.

Balcomy, Gray.

The quhilk day the sessioun ordanis the action concerning the baptizing of the bairn gottin betuix the Laird of Balcomy and Grissell Gray to be ressonit this day aucht dayis.

Electioun of elderis and deaconis, upon Friday the xiiij day of October, in the yeir of God j^{m}v^{c} lxxx sex yeiris.

Mr. Robert Wilkie minister.[3]

Eldaris in the town.

Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour of the Universite of St. Androus
Mr. James Martine, Provest of S. Saluatouris College
Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, maister in the New College
Mr. Dauid Auchmoty, bailye
Mr. William Cok, bailye

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[1] Omitted.
[2] *Said* in MS.
[3] Partly written in the margin.

Mr. Dauid Russell
Mr. Martine Geddy
James Robertsoun
Alexander Wynsister
William Lermonth — Eldaris upon land.
Mr. William Russell — Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum
Patrik Gutherie. — Martine Carstrophein in Byrhillis.

Diaconis in the town.

William Zwill
Charlis Watsoun
Dauid Guidlaid
Jhone Hagy
Androw Wrycht
Thomas Lundy — Diaconis upon land.
Thomas Blak — Dauid Forister in Kyncapill
Martine Lummisdane. — Dauid Pattoun in Ester Balrymonth.

Die Mercurii, decimo nono mensis Octobris, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, the eldaris and deaconis aboif writin ratifiit and apprevit the haill actis and statutis maid in this buik the fyft of November lxxij yeiris, and all utheris actis and statutis within the samyn, quha ar all suorn solemnatle, and promisis to observe and keip the samyn, as also Thomas Wod redar. Approbatioun of the statutis maid of befoir.

The quhilk day, Jhone Smyth in Seres and Grissell Burrell conperit befoir the sessioun to be contractit, and being inquirit be the minister if thai hed committit harlatre of befoir, the said Grissell confessit sche hes born ane barn befoir to ane named Jhone Pringill duelling in Karskerdo within the parrochin of Seres, bot sche hes yit nevir satisfeit thairfoir, nor yit wes sche evir chargit be the kirk of Seres thairto, and thes barn wes gottin in adultrie, the said Jhone being for the tyme mariit [on][1] ane uther woman. Thairfor the session refusis to contract the said Jhone Smyth and hir, quhill Grissell report testimoniall fra the ministrie of Seres of hir satisfaction. *Confessio* Burrell, adultares.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Jhone Patersoun adultrar,

[1] Omitted.

Patersoun, Miller, Bruce, Robertsoun, *rij.*

James Miller and Elspot[1] Bruce incestious, and James Robertsoun incestious, to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, and ressaif injunctionis for thair offencis, conforme to the actis of the Sinodall Assemblie, maid at St. Androus the vj of October instant, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

Confessio Smyth, Kelle.

The quhilk day Androw Smyth cordinar and Cathrine Kelle grantis carnall copulatioun. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie thairfor befor thair mariage.

Dilatioun ordanit to be takin.

The quhilk day, it is tocht meit and expedient be the ministrie that ane generall dilatioun be takin throch the haill town of the offendaris of Goddis law, and of all manifest[2] transgressouris; and to that effect certane honest men to be warnit to conpeir befoir the minister, Mr. William Cok, Mr. Dauid Russell, Mr. Martine Geddy, James Robertsoun, Alexander Wynsister, William Zwill, Pa. Guthrie and Charlis Watson, or ony twa of thame, with Charlis Watsoun scribe; and this to be done at sic tymes as the minister sall appoint; within xv dayis to report ansuer to the sait.

Die vigesimo sexto Octobris, anno lxxx sexto.

Injunctionis gevin to James Robertsoun, James Miller, Jhone Patersoun, Issobell Gray.

The quhilk day, conperit James Robertsoun, incestious with Margret Scott, to quhome the Act of the Sinodall Assemblie, haldin at St. Androus the vj day of October instant, wes red and publicit; quhome thai also chargit to begyn on Sonday nixttocum, the penult of October instant, his humiliatioun in sec claith, on the penitent stuill in the parroche kirk of St. Androus, and to continew ilk precheing day be the space of thre monethis, conforme to the tenour of the said Act, under the panes contenit thairin. And becaus Margret Scott conperit nocht, sche being laidfulle warnit to this day, the saitt ordanis hir to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis under pane of publict admonitioun. And siclyke conperit Jhone Patersoun and Issobell Gray adultraris, quhame the sessioun lykewyis chargit, conform[e] to the tenour of the Act, to performe the rest of thair repentance, conforme to the ordour of adultraris, safer as is nocht fulfillit; and that Jhone Patersoun

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[1] Interlined over *Jonet* deleted.

[2] *Maniest* in MS.

abstein fra all carnall copulatioun with the woman he presentle suitis to be mariit with. And in lyke maner conperit James Miller incestious with Elizabeth[1] Bruce, his umquhill wyffis sister dochter. The sessioun, according to the Act of the said Sinodall Assemblie of the dait foirsaid, chargit the said James Miller to separat him self fra the cumpanie of the said Elizabeth[1] Bruce, with quhome he allegis him to be mariit, under the pane of the censouris of the kirk; ordaning the said Jonet[2] to be warnit to the samyn effect this day aucht dayis; and James ansueris that he wald nevir separat him self fra hir salang as he levis. *Rij.*

The quhilk day, conperit Elspot Hammiltoun, presentle duelling in James Alanis hous in this citee, quha confessis sche hes borne ane barn in fornicatioun to Mr. James Gordoun; and, being inquerit if the barin be yit baptizit, ansueris the samyn wes baptizit in the kirk of Salkath,[3] be ane minister callit Mr. Thomas, and rememberis nocht upon his name. The sessioun ordanis hir to produce sufficient testimoniall of the baptizing of the said barin this day xv dayis, under sic panis as the kirk sall injune to hir thairfor. *Confessio* Hammiltoun, *rij. q.*

The quhilk day, Alexander Dewar caution that Agnes Oliphant sall sitt on the penitent stuill, quhen sche rysis of cheld-bed, under pane of ten ℔. Oliphant, Dewar.

The sessioun hes ordanit Thomas Wod redar to publiclie[4] reid the genarall actis and statutis in[5] the kirk Sonday nixttocum, baith at the prayaris and tyme of sermone befoir none. Proclamatioun of the statutis.

The quhilk day, conperit Mirable Parkye and with hir Robert Lowtheane, quha grantis thai haif committit fornicatioun, manifestat be procreatioun of tua barnis. Thai ar ordanit to mak repentance conforme to the ordour, and to abstein fra utheris[6] socite in tymes cuming. *Confessio.* Parky, Loutheane.

Die Mercurii, secundo Novembris, 1586.

The quhilk day, Grissell Rowill grantis sche buir ane mane cheld in fornicatioun aucht dayis befoir Martimes lxxxv yeris, *Confessio* Rowill, Lowtheane, Forsyth,

[1] Interlined over *Jonet* deleted.
[2] *Sic.*
[3] Interlined over *Lastarrik.*
[4] *Publie* in MS.
[5] *In* written over *of.*
[6] *Uther* in MS.

gottin on hir be Thomas Lowtheane in hir fatheris hous in this citee in the Lentron befoir, on ane Twisday befoir none, and that Thomas is now in Flanderis, and hir barn yit on baptizit. The session, for triall of the verite, ordanis Effe Miller, mother to Thomas, and Issobell Miller, mother to Grissell, Issobell Rowill, hir sister, and William Lowtheane, to be warnit to this day aucht dayis. And forder Grissell grantis that the tyme that hir awin barin sowkit hir, Beatrix Forsyth, dochter to Henry Forsyth, patt ane[1] barn of hiris, ane man cheild, in foster, quhilk wes on baptizit; and sayis that Beatrix callit the father of that barn Jhone Watson, and efter that the barn wes takin fra hir the samyn wes put in William Oliphantis hous in Straythkynnes to foster, quhar[2] it deit.

Bruce, Miller.

The quhilk day, becaus that Elizabeth Bruce, being warnit to this day personalie, as wes verefiit be James Steill officiar, to haif bein requerit be the session to fulfill the ordinance of the Sinodall Assemble, conperit nocht, sche is ordanit to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, xxiij° Novembris, anno lxxx sexto.

Dudingstoun, Blak.

The quhilk day, conperit Beigis Blak, spous to Thomas Dudingston, quha, being accusit befoir the session, at the instance of hir said spous, for adultrie in begating of ane barn by him in adultrie, confessis that sche hes born ane barn as is allegit by hir husband; and being inquerit of the mannis name sayis sche knawis him nocht, bot sayis that about Lammes fyve yeiris sensyne, sche being in ane part callit the Grein Syke of Laderny,[3] about ix houris, befoir none, ane horsman being ryding by com to hir, and aganis hir will be force lay with hir and begat the said barn, being ane knaif cheild; and declaris sche nevir saw him befoir nor yit sensyne; and grantis that hir husband hed nocht carnall daill with hir thre yeir befoir the begatting of the barn. Beigis Stevinsoun, witnes, spous to George Wilsoun in Laderny, suorn and examinat in the said mater, deponis that sche wes nocht present quhen Begis Blak wes lichter; bot, immediatle eftir sche wes

[1] *In* in MS. [2] *Quhat* in MS. [3] Radernie.

lichter, sche com in to the defendar, and umquhill Bessy Mark meidwyffe and Jonet Fergous, and sche hard the maidwyfe speir at the defendar, Quha is aucht that barn that thow hes born? tell us or ellis we will nocht cum neir the to help! and hard the defendar ansuer as sche hes ellis deponit. Jonet Fergous witnes, spous to Jhone Blak, deponis conforme to the former witnes. Cristene Criste witnes suorn and examinat deponis conforme to the former witnes. The session ordanis Beigis Blak to conpeir the nixt Synodall Assemblie, and ressaif injunction for hir offence conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day Thomas Fermour and Margret Richeart present grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun. The session thairfor ordanis thame to satisfie for thair offence conforme to the ordour, and thairefter thair barne salbe baptizit. *Confessio* Fermour, Sa. Kellie.[1]

The quhilk day, Androw Smyth cordinar and Cathrine Kellie presentis grantis carnall copulatioun befoir thair contract, thairfor thai ar ordanit to mak humiliatioun for the samyn as fornicatouris. *Confessio* Smyth, Kellie.

The quhilk day, the dilationis being red in presens of the session, thai haif ordanit the haill transgressouris dilatit to be warnit particularlie to ansuer befoir thame at severall tymes, as tyme may serve. Dilationis red.

Die xiiij^to^ mensis Decembris, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, understanding the willing obedience repentance[2] and humill submission of James Robertson, incestious with Margret Scott, and that he hes suttn ten severall Sondayis on the stuill of repentance, conform [to][3] the Act of the Sinodall Assemble, ordanit him to be ressavit[4] agane to humiliation, and his pennens absolvit Sonday nixttocum; and Cristene to be warnit to mak humiliation this[5] day aucht dayis; and now thai ar ordanit to conpeir befoir the nixt Synodall in lyning clathis, according to the ordour of the kirk. *Penetentia* Robertsoun to conpeir befoir the Synodall.

The quhilk day Robert Thomson grantis he hes committit *Confessio* Thomson. Sa.

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[1] *Sic.* [2] *Repentane* in MS. [3] Omitted. [4] *Ssavit* in MS.
[5] *This* is written over the termination of *humiliation.*

fornicatioun with Mage Dowie. The sessioun ordanis him to mak humiliation thairfor on[1] Sonday nixttocum and Mage to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

Production of supplicatioun fra the commissaris of Edinburgh. Miller, Bruce, *rij.*

The quhilk [day],[2] James Miller, incestious with Jonet Bruce, producit ane supplicatioun fra the commissaris direct to this session, datit at Edinburgh the penult of November last wes; quhilk being red befoir the session, thai haif ordanit ane ansuer to be maid thairto and send agane to thair lordschippis, subscrivit be the clerk; and nochtwithstaning to proceid agans the said James and Jonet, in chargeing thame to separat thame selfis, conforme to the ordinance of the Synodall; and ordanit Jonet Bruce to be warnit to conpeir befoir thame and ressaif command to separat hir self fra James; lykeas James hes ellis ressavit the samyn command this day aucht dayis.

Die xxviij° Decembris, 1586.

Jhone Patersoun and Issobell Gray to conpeir befoir the nixt Synodall.

The quhilk day Jhone Patersoun and Issobell Gray ar ordanit to conpeir befoir the nixt Synodall in lyning clathis conforme to the ordour.

Rowill.

The quhilk day, at the humill suit of Grissell Rowill, the session ordanis hir to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, and to satisfe conforme to the ordour, and thair efter hir barn to be baptizit, quhilk sche hes born in fornicatioun to Thomas Lowtheane as sche allegis.

Monipenny, *rij.*

The session ordanis Beatrix Monipenny to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonition; becaus sche hes bein thryis warnit of befoir and contempteusle disobeyit.

Confessio Donaldson, *rij.*

The quhilk day Bessy Donaldson grantis hir to be with barn to Dauid Cuik tymmerman. He is ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilatioun, and Bessy to be than present.

Confessio Strathawhin.

The quhilk day Issobell Strathauchin grantis hir to be with barn to Jhone Carmichaill in Thrid Part, the barn wes gottin in William Mortins hous in this citee at Pasche last wes; and that sche bur ane uther barn to him befoir in fornicatioun,

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[1] *Or* in MS. [2] Omitted.

quhilk sche allegis wes baptizit in the kirk of Anstroyer, for the quhilk thai maid repentance thair. Sche is ordanit to mak humiliation for hir offence, quhen God sendis hir deliver of hir cheild.

Die[1] *quarto Januarii, anno lxxx sexto.*

The quhilk day, Dauid Cuik tymmerman grantis that Bessy Donaldsoun is with barn to him presentlie, procreat in fornicatioun. He hes promist to pay xl s. in part of pament of the Act of Parliament for his impressoment within xv dayis, and to mak humiliatioun on the penitent stuill for his offence conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Cuik, Donaldsoun. S.

The quhilk day, the sessoun ordanis Thomas Reif to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonition, becaus he wes oftimes summond befoir and conperit nocht; as also to summond Cristene Deir his party. Reif, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Dauid Pitcarne and Jonet Hwniman being this day, befoir thair contract of mariage, accusit be the minister for haifing carnall copulatioun, and that Jonet is with barn to him, thai baith denyit the dilatioun; thairfor the session ordanit to noit this day, and, if the contrar suld cum to knawlege heirefter, thai to be baith punisit for thair dimeritis at the discretioun of the ministrie. Pitcarne, Hwniman.

Die xj° Januarii, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Oliphant, dochter to Androw Oliphant in this citee, quha grantis sche hes born four barnis to James Monipenny, bruther german to Dauid Monipenny of Pitmale, all gottin in fornicatioun, quhairof thre wes gottin and born in the burght of Perth, allegeing thame to be baptizit thair, and that sche hes satisfet the kirk of Perth for hir offence and sklander; and, as to the fourt, confessis the samyn wes gottin in Kinkell within this parrochin and born in this citee, yit on baptizit, and desyrit the samyn to be baptizit, and offerrit hir reddy to satisfe thairfor conforme to the ordour. The session being advisit *Confessio* Oliphant, *rij.*

[1] *Dee* in MS.

heirwith hes ordanit the said Margret Oliphant to produce testimoniall from the kirk of Perth, that the uther thre faltis ar satisfeit thair, and that the first thre barnis ar baptizit, and als that sche is nocht excommunicat be the kirk of Perth, as wes delatit to this present sessioun, this day aucht dayis; and als ordanit James Monipenny, how sone he beis sein [in][1] this citee, to be warnit to conpeir befoir thame to ansuer to the premissis; and thairefter the said barn to be baptizit.

Die Mercurii, xv^to^ Januarii, anno lxxx sexto.

Orme, Reke.

The quhilk day, at the humill suit of Elspot Rekie, craving the barn born of[2] hir in fornicatioun to Dauid Orm to be baptizit, for the quhilk sche hes ellis maid satisfactioun, as also Dauid for his impressoment, the session ordanit the barn to be baptizit, and Dauid Orm to be chargit to mak publict humiliatioun.

To warn the Lard of Balcomy, Melvill, Anderson, Orm, etc., *rij.*

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit James Lermonth of Balcomy, Robert Melvill, Henry Andersoun, Dauid Orm younger, and Beatrix Monipenny, as also Dauid Cuik, and Bessy Donaldson, to be all warnit to this day aucht dayis, to gif ansuer quhy thai satisfie nocht for thair offencis, conforme to the ordour of the kirk, under pane of publict admonition.

Confessio Touche, *adulterii, rij,* xv [dayis].

The quhilk day, Alexander Touche, sumtyme duelling in Kirkaldy now in St. Androus with Jhone Dawsoun litstar, grantis he hes gottin ane barn in adultrie with Marioun Bannatyne, spous to Dauid Wobstar thair. The session ordanit him to report testimoniall of the kirk of Kirkaldy, that he hes satisfeit thairfor, this day xv dayis, under pane that the kirk may lay to him.

Pitcarne, Huniman. Wod cautioun.

The quhilk day, Dauid Pitclarne[3] is ordanit to be mariit with Aleson Hwniman; and Thomas Wod redar cautioun for thair satisfaction, in cais it be fund that thai haif knawin utheris carnale befoir this day.

Confessio Sibbald, Wilsoun.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Sibbald and Margret Wilsoun his servand, quha confessis carnall daill togidder,

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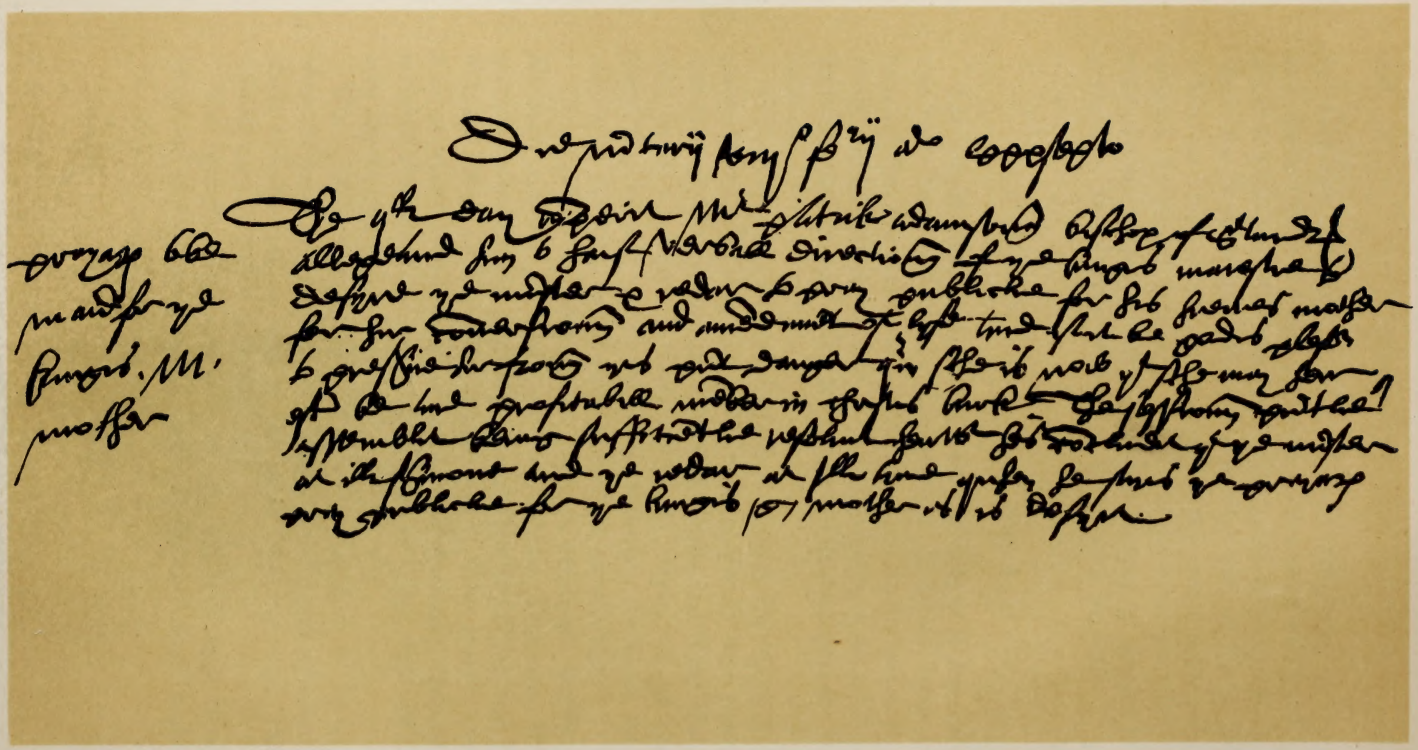
[1] Omitted. [2] Written over *be.* [3] *Sic.*



[and][1] that Margret is with barn to him. Thai ar ordanit to be impressonit and to satisfie [2] conforme to the ordour.

The quhilk day Cristene Anderson confessis sche hes born ane barn in fornicatioun to Robert Barn in Culros. The session ordanit hir to conpeir agane this day aucht dayis for forder triall. Sche sayis the barin wes gottin in Dauid Kynneris hous in this citee. The sessioun ordanis hir now to mak humiliatioun for hir offence as ane *fornicatrix*, without prejudice of greater punishement if forder knawlege[3] cumis that the barn is utherwyis gottin. *Confessio* Andersoun.

The quhilk day, George Greg oblissis him, as cautioun for Cathrin Ged, that sche sall enter in presson conforme to the ordour under pane of ten li., for fornicatioun committit with Jhone Dunkane, manifestit be procreatioun of ane madin barn, confessit be hir, and verefiit be James Duncane, Jhone Miller, and Dauid Wilsoun, that thai hard the said Jhone Duncane grant the barn to be his, quhilk the said Cathrin hes born; and Cathrin oblissis hir to releif the said George Greg and maid faith befoir the sessioun that the barn is Jhone Duncanis barn. *Obligatio* Greg, Ged, Dunkane.

Die primo mensis Februarii, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Margret Oliphant yit as of befoir to produce testimoniall, conforme to the last ordinance maid thairanent the xj of Januar last wes, this day aucht dayis. Oliphant, Monipenny, *rij.*

The quhilk day Thomas Reif grantis carnall daill with Cristene Deir. He is ordanit to satisfie thairfor and Cristene to be warnit to this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Reif, Deir.

Die Mercurii, viij° Februarii, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Patrik Adamsoun, Bischop of St. Androus, allegeand him to haif verball directioun of the Kingis Majestie, to desyre the minister and redar to pray publiclie for his Hienes mother, for hir conversioun and amendiment of lyfe, and if it be Godis plesour to preserve hir from Prayaris to be maid for the Kingis Majesteis mother.

[1] Omitted. [2] *Satifie* in MS. [3] *Knawege* in MS.

this present danger quhairin sche is now, that sche may heir efter be ane profitabill member in Christis kirk. The sessioun presentlie assemblit, being sufficientlie resolvit heirwith, hes concludit that the minister at ilk sermone, and the redar at ilk tyme quhen he sayis the prayaris, pray publiclie for the Kingis Gracis mother as is desyrt.[1]

Confessio Turubill, Mwrray, *rij.*

The quhilk day, conperit Dauid Turubill, quha[2] grantis carnall copulatioun with Cristane Murray and that sche is with barne to him as he belevis, and that he promist her mariage, and is willing to performe the samyn if his father be content. The sessioun ordanis Cristene to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis.—And now conperit Cristene Murray, quha grantis the barn that sche is with is Dauid Turubillis, and that he promist to hir mariage. Thair[3] baith ordanit to mak satisfaction[4] conforme to the ordour.

Oliphant, Monipenny, *rij.*

The quhilk day, it is verefiit befoir the session be Androw Sellar officiar that he hes diveris and sindry tymes warnit Margret Oliphant to produce testimoniall fra the kirk of Perth, mentionat in the Act the xj of Januar last wes, and specialie to this day. And be ressoun sche hes nather conperit nor yit producit testimoniall, the session yit anis agane ordanis hir to report the samyn this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, xxij° mensis Februarii, anno lxxx sexto.

Decretum contra Eliphant.

The quhilk day, Margret Oliphant, conperand befoir the sessioun, is ordanit be session and bailyeis of this citee to depart fra the boundis of this citee within aucht dayis, in respect that it is notorius be hir awin confession that sche is excommunicat be the kirk of Perth; and nevir to returne agane heir, quhill sche produce testimoniall of hir satisfaction in the kirk of Perth, under the pane of banisment.

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[1] This tardy request, though willingly complied with, came too late. The kirk-session met at two o'clock in the afternoon, but at eight that very morning Queen Mary had been led forth to execution; so that the staunch Protestants of St. Andrews must have publicly prayed for the dead. In connection with the alleged refusal of the ministers of Scotland to pray for the Queen, see Lee's *Lectures on the History of the Church of Scotland*, ii. 91-95.

[2] *Quha quha* in MS. [3] For *thai ar.* [4] *Satisfacton* in MS.

The quhilk day, conperit Elene Wilsoun, quha grantis sche hes born tua barnis in fornicatioun to Jhone Monipenny, servitour to George Dowglas, and allegis the ane to be baptizit and that sche hes satisfeit thairfor, and the uther is yit on baptizit. The session ordanit hir to caus the said Jhone to conpeir befoir thame within tuenty dayis, to ansuer to the premissis, and verefy that the ane of hir barnis is sua baptizit and satisfaction maid thairfor; and that Jhone also satisfie conforme to the ordour.

Confessio Elene Wilsoun, Monipenny, xxj [dayis].

Die primo Martii, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, Beatrix Murray grantis hir to be with barn to Jhone Downy, quhome sche allegis presentlie to be in Atholl. The session ordanis hir to produce testimoniall, subscrivit be ane minister or redar, of confession and grant to the said dilatioun, this day xxj dayis.

Confessio Mwrray, Downy.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar and Alane Robertsoun belmen ar commandit in all tymes cuming to bring the puir folkis broddis[1] to the sessioun ilk Weddinsday, to ressaif thair direction to quhome the broddis salbe gevin the nixt Sonday following; and siclyke that ather the said Androw or Alane or ellis baith be in the kirk ilk day, tyme of sermone and prayaris, reddy quhen thai heir ony noyis tumult or perturbatioun, ather maid in the kirk or kirkyaird, ather be man woman doggis or utheris quhatsumevir, to stope the samyn, that nather the minister nor redar be inquietit in precheing and reding of Goddis Word, nor yit the auditour molestit, under all heast pane the majestratis may lay to thair charge.

Direction to the belman, Androw Sellar, Alane Robertsoun.

Die Mercurii, viij° Marcii, anno lxxx sexto.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Pady, quha producit his humill supplecatioun, makand mentioun that quhair he hes gottin ane man child aganis Goddis holy law with Margret Clapen, quhilk he repentis fra his hart, and cravis God mercy for the same, and offerrit him maist willing to mak humiliatioun

Confessio Pady, Clapen. *Adulterii.*

[1] Collection-plates.

for his offence in sic sort as it suld ples the ministrie to injune him, thairfor desyrt him to be ressavit to humiliatioun and thairefter the barn to be baptizt. The sessioun riplie advisit hes fund the fact to be adultrie, and ordanit the complaner to enter in sek claith tua severale Sondayis on the penitent stuill, and thairefter, upon his supplicatioun and ane sufficient plege, his barn to be baptizit.

Die Mercurii, xv^to^ Marcii, anno lxxx sexto.

Licence to Alexander Pady, Clapen. *Adulterii.*

The quhilk day, at the humill suit of Alexander Pady adultrar with Margret Clapen, he is ordanit to enter on Sonday nixttocum on the penitent stuill in sek claith for the secund tyme; and, becaus he is to depart to saill furth of this realme, his barn is ordanit to be baptizit Sonday nixttocum; and at his returning fra the saill he hes promist to enter agane on the penitent stuill in sek claith, and sa to continew quhill the kirk be satisfeit.

Confessio Laing, Symsoun.

The quhilk day, Margret Laing grantis sche hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun to Henry Symsoun, and that sche departit with barn to him befoir. Sche submittis hir self to discipline; and, becaus Henry Symsoun duellis in Luicheris, supplicatioun is ordanit to be direct to the minister of Luicheris that ordour be takin with him; and Margret sayis that sche knew Henry Symson thre sindry tymes thre sindry nichtis in Adame Hopperis hous.

Confessio Portar, Traill.

The quhilk day, Margret Portar grantis sche is with barn to James Traill sone to Capitane Traill, and that the samyn wes gottin in Mr. Jhone Scottis hous in this citee, and that sche is xxij owkis gane with barn. Sche submittis hir self to discipline; and James to be warnit quhen he may be apprehendit heir.

Confessio Dauidsoun, Dik.

The quhilk day, Mirrabill Dauidsoun grantis hir with barn to Alexander Dik mariner, and the barn wes gottin in Margret Reidis hous at the Latter Fair last wes. The man is ordanit to be warnit at his returning fra saill.

Confessio Sa. Hucheoun, Monipenny, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Euphame Hucheoun grantis hir with barn to Thomas Monipenny, servand to Dauid Orm. Thomas to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Issobell Mersar grantis hir to be with barn to Jhone Wemys apparand of Logy; the barn wes gottin in Jhone Wyles nether hous; the first tyme sche offendit with him wes ane litill befoir Zwill last wes; and diveris tymes sensyne, and last within this aucht dayis in the duelling hous of Androw Wemys of Logy within this citee. Jhone is ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis to ansuer to the said dilatioun. *Confessio* Mersar, Wemys, *rij.*

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that, fra this tyme furth, all penitentis quha presentis the penitent stuill remoif nocht thame selfis fra the stuill of repentance quhill the minister gif the blissing, and thairefter to depart with modestie. Directioun to penitentis.

Die Mercurii, xxix° Marcii, anno lxxxvij°.

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes thocht guid and appointit the communioun to be celebratit upon Sonday cum thre owkis, viz., the xxiij day of Aprile nixttocum; and examinatioun to begyn Mononday nixttocum, the thrid of Aprile nixttocum. [Celebration of the communion.]

Examinatouris of the first quarter: Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour, Mr. Martine Geddy, Alexander Wynsister, Patrik Gutherie, Thomas Lundy clerk.

Examinatouris of the secund quarter: Mr. James Martine, Mr. William Cok, William Lermonth, Thomas Wod, Dauid Guidlaid.

Examinatouris of the thrid quarter: Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, Mr. Dauid Russell, Mr. William Russell, Martine Lummisdane, Jhone Hagy clerk.

Examinatouris of the ferd quarter: Mr. Robert Wilkie minister, Mr. Dauid Auchmowty, William Zwill, Charlis Watsoun clerk.

The quhilk day, Jhone Monipenny grantis the barn quhilk Elene Wilsoun hes born is his barn, and he is content to satisfie iij ti. for hir and for his impressoment to the puir, in part of pament of the Act of Parliament, and to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.—The iij ti. is payit and Wilson hes satisfeit. *Confessio* Monipenny, Wilsoun.

The quhilk day, conperit Henry Simson, servitour to the

Confessio Symsoun, Lang,[1] xxj [dayis].

Laird of Culluthy, quha, being accusit upon the dilatioun gevin in aganis him the xv of Marche instant, grantis he hes knawin Margret Lang[1] carnalie ane moneth efter Pasche wes ane yeir, bot denyis the barne quhilk Margret hes born to be his, and delatis Margret to haif knawin James Reache carnalie tyme of plaig in St. Androus. The session ordanis him to satisfie for his offens, and to preif the dilatioun this day xxj dayis.

Die Mercurii, quinto Aprilis, anno lxxxvij°.

Confessio Nicholl, Spens, *rij.* Sa.

The quhilk day, Cristene Nicholl servand to James Porterfeild grantis that upon Sonday wes aucht dayis, tyme of precheing eftir none, James Spens servand to Thomas Rekye com to James Porterfeildis hous and lay with hir, as he also sex oukis sensyne in Thomas Rekeis barn. The sessioun ordanis hir to mak satisfactioun thairfor conforme to the ordour, and James to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.—And now James grantis the samyn. He is also ordanit to satisfe.

Confessio Dudingston, Scott.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Dudingston, quha grantis that he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Margret Scott in Kyncapill, offerris him to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour, and desyrs the barn thairefter in Goddis name to be baptizit. The session ordanis him to mak humiliatioun Sonday nixttocum, and to satisfe for his impressoment, and the barn to be baptizit Sonday nixttocum; and Margret[2] to be warnit to mak satisfaction conforme to the ordour. [*Baith*—deleted] Sa.

Decretum contra Thomam Wod.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar for his misbehaveour this day in the sessioun, behaifing him self on reverentle in thair awdience, and spetialie in geving to William Lermonth being ane elder ane dowbill lie, and for diveris utheris his misbehaveour in the sessioun at diveris tymes of befoir, and for his additioun of his awin brane to Goddis Word tyme of the reding of the prayaris, contrar the actis of this sessioun maid on him of befoir; the sessioun all with ane voce ordanis the said Thomas to be callit in befoir thame, and thaireftir he to

[1] Perhaps *Laing*. [2] Interlined over *Cristene* deleted.

humill him self on his kneys, ask God and thame forgevenes, and specialie the said William Lermonth quhome he hes this day offendit as said is; quhilk if he refusis the minister to charge him presentle to obey the samyn for the first tyme under pane of the censouris of the kirk, and thaireftir he to be publiclie chargit thairto Sonday nixttocum under the said pane, and nevir to be agane heireftir in the societie with this session. And incontinent the said Thomas, being callit in befoir the sessioun, and desyrit be the minister in Godis name to obey this ordinanc[e], planlie refusit; and constantle affermit that the sessioun hed done him manifest wrang. Thairfor the minister chargit the said Thomas as said is to obey, and, becaus he refusit, the nixt charge is ordanit to be gevin him publiclie [1] Sonday nixttocum.

Die Mercurii, duodecimo mensis Aprilis, 1587.

Confessio Andree Clerk, Craig.

The quhilk day, Androw Clerk conperit and producit his supplicatioun desyring his barn, gottin in [2] fornicatioun on Cristene Craig in this parrochin, to be baptizit; and offerrit him reddy to satisfe thairfor Sonday nixttocum conforme to the ordour. The session ordanit him to mak humiliatioun for his offence Sonday nixttocum, and to satisfe for his impressoment, and thaireftir the barn to be baptizit. And becaus the barn wes born within the parrochin of Darsy, the session ordanis testimoniall to be grantit to him eftir that he hes satisfeit to the minister of Darsy, that the bairn may be baptizit thair, and the woman also to satisfe thair.

Miller, Bruce.

The quhilk day, becaus that Androw Sellar officiar verefiit befoir the sessioun that he hed diveris tymes befoir warnit James Miller, incestious with Elizabeth Bruce, to haif conperit befoir the session, and cheiflie to this day, and dissobeyit, thairfor the session ordanit him to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis under pane of publict admonitioun.

Die Veneris, xiiij^to^ Aprilis, 1587.

Humiliatio Thome Wod.

The quhilk day, the sessioun being all warnit to this day

[1] *Publilie* in MS.

[2] *On in* in MS.

and the maist part convenit, conperit Thomas Wod vicar and redar of St. Androus, quha, humlie with reverence, submittit him self to the voce of the kirk, and, sitting don on his kneyis in thair presens, askit God and the haill session forgiffnes, and speciale William Lermonth quhome he offendit, conforme to the tenour of the decrete of sessioun pronuncit aganis him the fyft of Aprile instant, and is agane reconcelit with thame all in Goddis feir; and promist lykwyis upon Sonday nixttocum to confes his offence oppinlie in the kirk eftir sermone befoir none, conforme to the said decrete.

Die xix° mensis Aprilis, anno Domini j^m^v^c^lxxxvij.

Commissioneris electit to the Synodall Assemblie.

The quhilk day, the sessioun with commoun consent hes electit M^ris^. William Cok, Dauid Auchmowty, and William Russell, or ony ane of thame commissioneris to conpeir in the Synodall Assemblie, to be haldin at St. Androus the xxvj day of Aprile instant, to assist consult ressoun voit and concluid in all thingis with the said Assemblie, to the glory of God, mentinance of the religioun, weill of Christis kirk, and punisment of vice.

Miller, Bruce.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit James Miller, incestious with Elizabeth Bruce, to be summond publicle[1] Sonday cum aucht dayis, to conpeir befoir thame to ressaif the charge to fulfill the Act of the Sinodall Assemble, upon Weddinsday the thrid of May nixttocum, under pane of censouris of the kirk; becaus it is verefiit be Androw Sellar officiar that he warnit him personale to this day under pane of publict admonition, and he contempteouslie disobeyit.

Die tertio Maii, anno Domini j^m^v^c^ octuagesimo septimo.

Confessio Toscheoche, Watsoun. Sa.

The quhilk day, Dauid Toscholl[2] grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Besse Watsoun, within this citee, in Dauid Murrayis hous. He desyris the barn to be baptizit, and to satisfie for his offence conforme to the ordour. The sessioun ordanit the woman, mother of the barne, to conpeir

[1] *Publile* in MS.

[2] Perhaps *Toschoe.*

befoir the minister, and ansuer to the dilatioun; and if sche grant the samyn, and he and sche satisfeand the kirk conforme to the ordour, thaireftir the barin to be baptizit; and if he and the said Bessy payis xxx s. in part of pament of the Act of Parliament to the puir, and conperis baith to the penitent stuill Sonday nixttocum, the barn to be baptizit the said day. —Baith sa.

The quhilk day, the sessioun chargit Jhone Sibbald present to mak humiliatioun on the penitent stuill Sonday nixtocum, under pane of publict admonitioun.—Baith satisfet. Jhone Sibbald. Sa.

The quhilk day, the session chargit James Miller incestious with Elizabeth Bruce to mak humiliatioun in sec-claith, conforme to the ordour, Sonday nixttocum; and ask God and the congregatioun forgifnes for his offence with the said Elizabeth; and to desist fra all forder cumpanie with hir, conforme to the decrete of the Synodall Assemble, under pane of publict admonitioun Sonday nixttocum. Admonitioun to James Miller.

Die decimo mensis Maii, anno lxxx septimo.

The quhilk day, conperit James Miller befoir the sessioun, and confessit that he is now movit be Goddis Spirit and suirlie persuadit that he hes done wrang in maring Elizabeth Bruce, his first wyffis sister dochter, and is now suirle certifiit that the samyn is incest; and thairfor is content to separat him self fra hir cumpanie, and to enter on the penitent stuill Sonday nixttocum with the said Elizabeth, and mak humiliatioun in sek claith conforme to the ordinance [1] of the kirk, and to continew quhill the kirk be satisfeit; and if he failyes heirin to be publicle summond heirto for the secind tyme under pane of censouris of the kirk. *Confessio Jacobj Miller.*

The quhilk day, conperit George Blair, servitour to George Dowglas, quha grantis he [hes][2] knawin Alesoun Zoung carnalie sen sche com to this citee. The sessioun ordanit him to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour, and to warn Alesoun to conpeir befoir thame this day aucht dayis. *Confessio Georgij Blair, Zoung, rij.*

The quhilk day, Alexander Towche, adultrar with Marioun *Admonitio* Touche.

[1] *Ordinane* in MS. [2] Omitted.

Bannatyne, is ordanit be Mr. William Cok bailye to depart of the boundis of this citee within xxiiij houris, under pane of warding of his persoun; and command gevin to Androw Sellar officiar to putt the samyn in executioun.

Patcarne, Hwniman.

The sessioun ordanid Dauid Pitcarne and his spous to be warnit to ansuer upon the Act maid in this buik the ferd of Januar last wes.—Thai haif satisfeit, &c.

Die decimo septimo mensis Maii, 1587.

Confessio Hammiltoun.

The quhilk day, Jonet Hammiltoun grantis sches departit with ane barn in this citee, quhilk wes gottin on hir in fornicatioun be Androw Perdovy within the burght of Craill. Sche is ordanit to enter in pressoun Satterday nixttocum for the sklander done to this congregatioun; and to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour, in the parrochin of Craill quhair the barn wes gottin; and that supplication be direct to the ministrie of Craill, for ordour to be takin with Androw.

Zoung, *rij.*

The quhilk day, becaus Alesoun Zoung wes warnit to this day, as wes verefiit be Androw Sellar officiar, and conperit nocht, sche is ordanit to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonition.

Dauidson, Dik, *rij.*

The quhilk day Mirrabill Dauidson is ordanit to caus Alexander Dik hir party conpeir with hir this day aucht dayis and verefy hir dilatioun.

Miller, Bruce.

The quhilk day, James Miller and Elizabeth Bruce incestious personis confessis thair syn and offence, and is content to separat thame selfis fra utheris societe[1] conforme to the ordinance of the Synodall Assemble, and continew in humiliation for thair offence as thai haif alreddy begun in seclaith, ilk Sonday, quhill the kirk be satisfeit; and in the meanetyme maist humlie desyrit the barn procreat betuix thame to be baptizit for Goddis saik. The session ordanit thame to enter agane on Sonday nixt on the penitent stuill in secclaith, and thaireftir to baptize the barn.

Requisitio filii Margarete Moncur.

The quhilk day, conperit ane puir barn, born be umquhill Margret Moncur, incertane quha is his father, and maist

[1] *Socitete* in MS.

humlie on his kneyis rehersit the Lordis prayar and the Beleif, and desyrit the session for Goddis saik to grant him baptisme. The session, in respect thairof, ordanit him to be baptizit Sonday nixttocum.

The quhilk day, Elspot Dauidsoun and Thomas Rikkart presentis grantis thai haif committit fornicatioun; and that Elspot is presentle with barn to him. Thai ar ordanit to mak satisfaction conforme to the ordour, and Elspott to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, and Thomas Satterday cum aucht dayis.—Thai haif baith satisfeit. *Confessio* Rikkart, Dauidsoun. Sa.

Die xxvij° Junii, anno lxxxvij°.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Downy, quha grantis he hes knawin Beatrix Mwrray carnalie at Lammes last wes, viz., ane day befoir Lammes in Robert Zoungis hous. He is ordanit to conpeir this day aucht dayis; and Patrik Gutherie caution for him that he sall satisfie conforme to the ordour, and enter in pressoun Satterday nixttocum. *Confessio* Zoung, Mwrray, Downy.

The quhilk day, conperit James Wemys mariner and Effe Alesoun, quha grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun, and offeris thame to humiliation, and thairfor desyris the barn to be baptizit. The session ordanis thame to satisfie, and thairefter the barn to be baptizit. *Confessio* Wemys, Alesoun. Sa.

The quhilk day, it is delatit that Francie Zounger, mariit man duelling in the Cottoun of Nyde, hes gottin ane barn in adultrie with Agnes Mathow, in the place of Nyde within this parroche. The barn is four yeir auld at Candilmes last wes. Agnes duellis presentlie in the Kirkland of Seres. The sessioun ordanit Frances to be first privalie admonisit to conpeir befoir thame to ansuer to this dilatioun, and if he failye to be publiclie summond. *Dilatio* Zounger, Mathow.

Die quinto Julii, anno lxxxvij°.

The quhilk day, fforsamekill as Thomas Wod redar being accusit befoir the sessioun for transgressing of the gude ordour, observit in this kirk and sessioun thir mony yeiris bipast, in proclaming the banis of Paule Lundy and Jonet Welwod, *Decretum contra Thomam Wod.*

Sonday the secund of Julii instant—the saidis Paule and Jonet nevir presenting thame selfis befoir the sessioun to testifie thair promis of mariage as utheris of this parrochin dois, thai being induellaris within this citee, conforme to the ordour inviolablie observit—and without ony command of the sessioun; and als for usurping authorite on him in ressaving ane testimoniall direct to the minister redar elderis and deaconis of this parrochin, and nevir advising with thame. It is fund be the haile sessioun assemblit that the said Thomas hes done wrang in sa doing, and thairfor ordanis him to acknawlege his offence publikle Sonday nixttocum, and the minister to require him to do the samyn, under pane of censouris of the kirk; and forder ordanis the proclamatioun ellis maid to be nul, and that na proclamatioun be maid heirefter of the said Paule and Jonetis bannis, unto the tyme thai conpeir befoir the session and verefy thair promis thame selfis personalie, according to the ordour.

Sonday.

Dilatio Lundy, Welwod, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Jonet Welwod and Paule Lundy being[1] delatit for geving of sklander to this congregatioun, in keping of ower great cumpane nicht and day and utheris tymes on mariit or contractit, thai ar ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis to ansuer to the said dilatioun; and forder it is delatit that the said Jonet is with barn to the said Paule; thai ar ordanit lykewyis to ansuer thairto; and forder that the saidis Paule and Jonet be accusit for transgressing of the gude ordour of this session in suting and purchessing of thame to be contractit be ony uther person[2] by the ministrie of St. Androus, seing the said Paule and Jonet ar induellaris within this citee, and cheiflie the said Jonet presentle duellis as sche hes done all hir dayis within the samyn.

Die xij° Julii, anno lxxxvij°.

Lundy, Welwod, *rij.*

The quhilk day, it is tocht gude that Paule Lundy and Jonet Welwod be warnit to conpeir befoir the session, to ansuer to the dilatioun[3] gevin in aganis thame this day aucht dayis, to Weddinsday nixttocum the xix of Julii instant; becaus thai

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[1] *Being being* in MS. [2] Altered. [3] *Dililatioun* in MS.

haif bein warnit to the samyn effect anis of befoir and contempteuslie disobeyit; and this with certificatioun if thai failye thai salbe publiclie[1] summond thairto Sonday cum aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Elspot Eviot is contractit in mariage with Thomas Wilsoun, and befoir the solemnizatioun of the mariage it is ordanit that sche produce testimoniall of the minister of Kynnowill, that sche hes satisfeit the kirk of Kynnowill for procreatioun of ane barn in fornicatioun in the said parrochin of Kynnowill with George Chalmer. Elspot Eviot to produce testimoniall.

The quhilk day, conperit Marioun Boytour, quha grantis sche is with barin to Jhone Hagy gottin [in][2] fornicatioun. He is[3] ordanit to be warnit thairto this day aucht dayis. This [is][2] tua barnis sche hes gottin with the said Jhone, and ane uther befoir to Thomas Cok. Sche is ordanit to be thre owkis inpressonit. *Confessio* Boytour, Hagy, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Dauid Turubill elder conperand befoir the sessioun, and requerit to gif his consent to Dauid Turubill younger his sone to marie Cristene Mwrray, he refusit to gif the samyn. Turubill.

The quhilk day, conperit Frances Zounger in Nyde, quha grantis it is aucht yeiris sen he wes mariit with Marrabill Suentoun, and declaris that he hes committit adultrie with Agnes Mathow, fyve yeris sensyne about Wodsonday, in Nyde, anis in the byre and ane uther tyme in the barn of Nyde. The ministrie presentle chargis the said Frances to conpeir befoir the nixt Synodall Assemblie of Fyffe, and ressaif his injunctionis of the said Assemblie for his offence, conforme to the ordour; and that Mr. Thomas Buquhanane, minister of Seres, be advertisit to require the said Agnes to conpeir lykewyis befor the said Assemblie, to the effect foirsaid. *Confessio* Zounger, Mathow. Synodall Assemblie.

Die Mercurii, xix° Julii, 1587.

The quhilk day, Margret Turubill, born in the Wemys, servitour to Jonet Jnglis sumtyme spous to Mr. Jhone Rutherfurd minister, xxx yeiris of hir aige or thairby, grantis that sche hes born ane madin barn in fornicatioun to Mr. Jhone *Confessio* Turubill, Jnglis.

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[1] *Publilie* in MS. [2] Omitted. [3] *Hes* in MS.

Jnglis, son to Dauid Jnglis of Ardeth, in the place of Ardeth, gottin fyve or sex oukis befoir Mertimes last wes; and that sche knew him mony and diveris tymes sensyne; and that sche wes deliverit[1] the thrid day of Julii instant in Sanctandrous; and being inquerit if sche evir declarit to ony persoun that sche wes with barin fra the tyme of hir conceptioun to the day of hir birth, denyis the samyn: secundlie, if sche tuik ony drinkis with barin, ansueris, Ye, that sche, in Maii last wes, ressavit drinkis for remady of hir sair leg fra Mr. Thomas Broun; and grantis sche buir the said barne dead in[2] the said Jonet Jnglis hous in the North Gait at the fyre syde, na persoun being with hir nor knawing thairof; the said Jonet Jnglis being for the tyme gangand up and down the hous; and, being inquerit if ony persoun counsellit hir to tak the drinkis, ansueris Jonet Jnglis hir hussy[3] consallit hir thairto, and desyrit Mr. Thomas Broun to mak the samyn onlie for remady of hir sair leggis; and quhen hir child evill com on hir sche knew nocht the samyn and thairfor wald nocht send for wemen.

Welwod, Lundy, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Jonet Welwod conperit befoir the sessioun and declarit that sche hes promist mariage to Paule Lundy, and offerris hir self with all humilite to the obedience of the kirk in all thingis; and forder, being accusit be the minister if sche wes with barn to the said Paule, denyis the samyn on hir conscience. And becaus Paule being warnit to this day personalie, as wes verefiit be the officiar, as also requerit be the sessioun in the persoun of James Robertsoun ane of the elderis to haif conperit this day, he being in the kirk yaird, contempteuslie disobeyit, thairfor the sessioun ordanis him to be warnit for the thrid tyme to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonitioun Sonday cum aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, xxvj^to^ Julii, anno lxxx septimo.

Welwod, Lundy, Wod.

The quhilk day, the sessioun with ane voce ordanis Thomas Wod to mak humiliatioun, and that na bannis be proclamit betuix Paule Lundy and Jonet Welwod quhill thai conpeir befoir this sessioun and verefy thair promis of mariage, con-

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[1] *Deliver* in MS. [2] *In in* in MS. Housewife, mistress.

forme to the ordour and actis of the assemblie and decrete ellis gevin thairanent the fyft of Julii instant.

Confessio Scott, Balfour. *Adulterii.*

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Scott, servand to James Alane, quha grantis sche is with barn to umquhill Dunkane Balfour maltman in this citee, quhilk sche grantis wes gottin in adultrie, the said Dunkane[1] being than mariit with ane uther woman. The first tyme wes on Sonday befoir Mertimes last wes in Dunkanis hous at vij houris in the morning; and tua uther tymes in James Alanis hous thaireftir. The sessioun ordanis hir to be better advisit, and to conpeir agane this day aucht dayis for forder triall to be hed in the mater.[2]

Robertsoun, Scott.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that the minister publis Sonday nixttocum that the contract of mariage quhilk wes maid betuix James Robertson and Margret Scott is declarit nul be the kirk, and that the parteis ar fre to mary in the Lord as thai ples.

Die secundo mensis Augusti, anno octuagesimo septimo.

Articlis proponit to the parrochenaris upon land.

The quhilk day, being appointit to the parrochenaris of this parrochin upon land, as thai quha wer, upon Sonday last wes, the penult of Julii last wes, publiclie warnit be the minister in the pulpeit to haif conperit befoir the ministrie and consall of this citee, to gif thair gude counsall advis ayde and assistance in thir heidis and artiklis following:—In the first, to gif thair advis quhat tyme thai think maist convenient to celebrat the communioun to the parrochenaris up on land. Secundlie, that thai micht help and support to the clengeing of the buriall. Thridlie, that thai micht help to the reparatioun and mending of the kirk. fferdlie, that the elderis upon land micht be mair diligent with the deaconis in convening to the ouklie assemblie of the ministrie, and that mair diligent travellis micht be takin in delating of all faltouris alswell in burght as land. ffyftlie, that ilk tenent upon land, quha hes his hous polluted with harlotrie, declair the samyn to thair maister, under pane of xl s.

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[1] *William* in MS.

[2] The session had good cause for being suspicious of Margret Scott's statement. On the 24th of September 1589, she again appeared, to ask mercy 'for the wrangus confessioun quhilk sche maid befoir thame befoir, upon the xxvj of Julii 1587.'

to the box of the puir; and that every maister declair the samyn, as also if his awin hous be polluted with harlotrie, to the sessioun, under the said pane for ilk falt. Of the quhilkis personis upon land conperit James Wod of Lambelethame, George Ramsay of Langraw, James Forsyth of Nyde, Mr. Androw Aytoun of Kynnaldy, Androw Wod of Straythwethy, Martine Carstrophein portioner of Byrehillis, and Jhone Smyth in Balone, quha all with ane voce aggreit with the sessioun that the communioun suld be ministrated upon Sonday cum xv dayis, the xij of August instant, and that examinatioun begyn Mononday nixttocum the vij of the samyn moneth. And as to the rest of the haill artiklis, the ansuer thairto is continewit to this day aucht dayis, becaus the maist part of the gentill men and parrochenaris ar absent; and for thair conperance the said day, it is concludit, with mutuall consent, that the minister upon Sonday nixttocum, the sext of this instant, publiklie warn thame to be present; as also the parrochenaris befour specifiit quhilkis ar present promissis to conpeir the said day to the effect foirsaid. And if thair be ony uther godlie and guude artiklis and heidis, quhilkis the parrochenaris up on land sall think gude to be proponit and addett, for the glory of God, commoun weill of the said haill parrochin, the sessioun are glaid content thairwith and that the samyn be proponit and done.

Celebratioun of the land communioun.

Rij.

Confessio Scheves, Kynnynmonth.

The quhilk day Cristene Kynnynmonth and Thomas Sches[1] in Byrehillis grantis thai haif committit fornicatioun be procreatioun of ane cheild. Thai ar baith ordanit to mak humiliatioun and to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

Die nono mensis Augusti, anno lxxxvij°.

Turubill, Mwrray.

The quhilk day, conperit Dauid Turubill and Cristene Murray, quha producit thair supplicatioun, desyring thame to be ressavit to humiliatioun for fornicatioun manifestit be procreatioun of ane cheld betuix thame, and thairefter to baptize thair said cheld, and als that thai may be contractit in mariage, conforme to the ordour of the kirk. The sessioun ordanis

[1] *Sic.*

thame to satisfie for thair offence, and syne the barn to be baptizit; quhilk being sua done, ordanis thame to be contractit in mariage as is desyrit.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that Paule Lundy salbe warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him, under pane of publict admonitioun, Sonday cum aucht dayis, becaus he hes bein tuois warnit thairto of befoir and contempteusle disobeyit. Lundy, *rij.*

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Danyzell duelling in the Haltoun of Lundy, quha producit his clame aganis Elene Howy his spous, makand mentioun that quhair he mariit the said Elene laidfullie and ordourlie alevin yeiris sensyne in the face of Christis kirk in the kirk of Kennowy; and that the said Elene hes aganis Goddis law seperat hir self fra his societie, and will nocht adheir agane to him as becummis, without sche be compellit; and thairfor desyrit hir to be decernit to adheir to him, as he quha is hir laidfull spous. Conperit the said Elene, quha allegit sche aucht nocht to be decernit to adheir to him, be reasoun the said Jhone hes separat him self fra hir aganis Goddis law, in committing of adulterie with ane woman named Issobell Banis, and that the said Issobell is presentlie with barn to him gottin in adulterie; quhilk being referrit to the said Jhonis awin declaratioun, he being present grantit the samyn to be of trouth, and that the said Jssobell Banis is with barn to him as wes delatit. The sessioun ordanit the minister to signifie this dilatioun to Mr. Androw Moncref minister of Largow, Thursday nixttocum, that ordour may be takin in this mater as accordis. *Dilatio* Dangzell, Howye.

Die Mercurii, xvj^to^ Augusti, anno lxxxvij^o^.

The quhilk day, Paule Lundy being lauchfullie warnit to this day as for the thrid tyme, as wes verefiit be Androw Sellar officiar, to haif ansuerit to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him, under pane of publict admonition, he contempteuslie disobeyit and conperit nocht. Thairfor the sessioun ordanis the said Paule to be publiclie summond thairto Sonday nixttocum, to this day aucht dayis, for the ferd tyme, under pane of censouris of the kirk. *Citatio* Lundy, *rij.*

Confessio Forester, Gib, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Jonet Forester grantis sche is with barn to Jhone Gib servand[1] to Magnus Wodcok. The barn wes gottin at Fastronisevin last wes in the nycht in hir bed in Magnisis hous. The sessioun ordanis Jhone Gib to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis, and Jonet to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

Dilatio Mersar, Bett.

The quhilk day Issobell Bett is delatit to be with barn. Sche is ordanit to be warnit to conpeir this day aucht dayis and ansuer thairto.

Dilatio Bett

The quhilk day, conperit Issobell Bett, quha, being accusit upon the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir to be with barn, denyt the samyn; and being specialie inquirit if sche hes knawin Dauid Thomsoun carnalie, also denyit the samyn. The sessioun nochtwithstanding ordanit hir yit to be advisit and conpeir agane this day aucht dayis to the samyn effect.

Die Veneris, decimo octavo Augusti, anno Domini j^{m}v^{c} octuagesimo septimo.

Appellatio sessionis contra decretum Presbaterii.

The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Wilkie minister conperit, and, in presens of the session convenit, producit tua decretis of the Presbitrie of the datis respective, at St. Androus the xvij of August instant. The ane bering in effect—the said Presbitrie ordaning Paule Lundy to conpeir on the nixt sessioun day befoir the session of St. Androus, to ansuer to the dilation gevin thairin aganis him; and sic lyke also ordaning the session of St. Androus to desist from ony publict citation of him tyll that tyme, in respect the said Paule hed promist to conpeir befoir the said session on the day appointit. The uther bering in effect—the said Presbitrie decerning that Thomas Wod redar hes nocht offendit aganis the tua actis producit; and ordaning the said session of St. Androus to gif command to Thomas Wod to proceid in the proclamatioun of Paule Lundeis bannis, ordaning also the minister of St. Androus to intime[2] this to the sessioun thairof.[3]

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[1] *Servad* in MS. [2] Intimate.

[3] A considerable blank is left after this entry.

The quhilk day it is delatit to the sessioun that Mr. James Myrton is new cum hame furth of uther cuntreis and is suspect of Papistrie. Thairfor the sessioun ordanit him to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun, and gif confessioun of his faith conforme to the Act of Parliament this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonitioun. *Dilatio* Myrton, *rij.*

Die Mercurii, xxiij° mensis Augusti, anno lxxxvij°.

The quhilk day, conperit Paule Lundy, quha, being inquerit if he hed carnall daill with Jonet Welwod, denyit the samyn, and refusit to purge him self in his conscience thairupon, afferming that conscience and aith is baith ane thing, and it is *de turpitudine*, in the quhilk cais he is nocht haldin to gif ane aith; and as to the secund part of the dilatioun laid to his charge, accusing him for contracting mariage by the ordour of the sessioun, refusit to ansuer thairto. Lundy, Welwod.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, for diveris and sindry gude considerationis moving thame, ordanis and decernis that Thomas Wod redar desist and ceas fra ony proclamatioun of bannis heir eftir, quhill forder ordour be takin thairanent; and in the meanetyme ordanis the minister to ressaif the *Ban Buik* fra the said Thomas, that he may proclame or caus the saidis bannis be proclamit him self. *Decretum contra Thomam Wod.*

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefiit that he warnit Mr. James Myrtoun personale to haif conperit this day, and to haif ansuerit to the dilatioun gevin aganis him; and the said Mr. James, being laidfulle callit, laidfull tyme biddin, conperit nocht. Thairfor the sessioun ordanit him to be warnt agane to the samyn effect, this day aucht dayis, for the secund tyme. Myrtoun, *rij.*

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Gib and Jonet Forester, quha grantis that Jonet is with barn to him gottin in fornicatioun. Thai ar ordanit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour. Gib, Forester.

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Oliphant, quha producit ane testimoniall subscrivit be Jhone Balnaves, scribe of the assemblie of Perth, datit thair at the tent of August instant, bering in effect the said Margret Oliphant to haif satisfeit the Oliphant producit testimoniall. Monipenny.

kirk of Perth for hir offencis committit with James Monipenny within the parrochin of Perth; thairfor desyrit hir barn gottin on hir in fornicatioun be the said James within this parrochin to be baptizit. The sessioun ordanit James Monipenny to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilatioun of Margret, and than if he confessis, and thaireftir he and sche satisfeand conforme to the ordour, thaireftir the barne to be baptizit.

Die Mercurii, penultimo mensis Augusti, anno lxxxvij°.

Myrtoun, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Mr. James Mortoun, being laidfullie warnit to this day, as wes verefiit be Androw Sellar officiar, to haif ansuerit[1] to the dilatioun gevin aganis him, being also oftimes callit nocht conperand, for the secind tyme under pane of publict admonitioun, conperit nocht. Thairfor the sessioun ordanit him to be warnit for the thrid tyme to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonition, Sonday cum aucht dayis.

Monipenny.

To warn James Monipenny to this day aucht dayis under pane of publict admonitioun, to ansuer to the dilatioun of Margret Oliphant, becaus Androw Sellar verifiit that he wes warnit to this day and conperit nocht.

Melvill, Orm, Monipenny.

To warn Dauid Orm younger and Robert Melvill to this day aucht dayis, becaus thai haif oftimes bein chargit to enter on the penitent stuill and mak satisfactioun for thair offences, and disobeyis, and that under pane of publict admonition; and siclyke Jhone Monipenny for the samyn caus.

Confessio Mersar, Monipenny.

The quhilk day Beatrix Mersar grantis hir to be with barn to Charlis Monipenny servand to Schir George Dowglas. The first tyme that he knew hir carnalie wes in James Mersaris hous within this citee, at Fastronisevin last wes, and that he promist to hir mariage. The sessioun ordanit Charlis to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Confessio Bett, Thomson.

The quhilk day, Issobell Bett grantis sche is with barn to Dauid Thomson mercheand, and that the barn wes gottin in Dauidis hous aboif the buith, xiij owkis sensyne. Dauid is

[1] *Ansuer* in MS.

ordanit to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Agnes Blak, servand to Dauid Mylis, grantis hir to be with barn to Alexander Broun, servand to the Laird of Abbottishall; and that the barn wes gottin in Abbottishall hous in this citee, ane moneth befoir Peas last wes. Alexander Broun is ordanit to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Blak, Broun.

Die Mercurii, sexto Septembris, anno lxxx septimo.

The quhilk day conperit James Monipenny quha grantis that the barn quhilk Margret Oliphant hes born is his barn. He is ordanit and also Margret to mak humiliatioun for thair offence, conforme to the ordour, and thaireftir the barn to be baptizit. *Confessio Jacobj Monipenny.*

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefiit that he hed warnit Dauid Orm younger to this day personale, to haif gevin his ressoun quhy he makis nocht publict humiliatioun for his offence in fornicatioun with Elspot Rekie, under pane of publict admonitioun, and conperit nocht. The sessioun ordanit him yit as of befoir to be anis warnit to the samyn effect, under pane of publict admonition. Orm. Sa.

The quhilk day, Dauid Thomsoun grantis he hes hed carnall daill with Issobell Bett, quha is also present. Sche allegis hir to be with barn to him. The sessioun ordanis thame baith to satisfie conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Thomsoun, Bett.

The quhilk day, conperit Robert Melvill, as he quha wes laidfulle warnit to this day to gif his ressonis quhy he makis nocht satisfactioun for fornicatioun committit be him with Agnes Lokkart; ansueris, he is content to do the samyn quhen Dauid Orm younger, Jhone Monipenny, James Monipenny, Dauid Thomsoun, and utheris of his rank, committeris of the lyke offencis, satisfeis. The sessioun ordanit the saidis personis to be warnit to the samyn effect under pane of publict admonition. Melvill, Lokkart.

Die xx° Septembris, anno lxxxvij°.

The quhilk day the sessioun convenit ratifeis the command Rowill *ratificatio.*

gevin be the minister to [*Thomas*—deleted] Niniane Rowill[1] to proclame the banis of mariage within this parrochin.

Supplecatioun to the Provest balyes and consall.

Ane supplicatioun is ordanit to be gevin to Provest bailyeis and consall of St. Androus, mening that the sessioun is habill[2] to decay without remaid be providit, in respect of sindry questionis fallin out betuix the Presbittrie and the sessioun.

Die Mercurii, xviij° Octobris, anno lxxxvij°.

Nominatioun of elderis and deaconis.

The quhilk day, being appointit to all parteis to object aganis the personis nominat elderis and deaconis, quhy thai micht nocht stand in electioun, and to nominat utheris quhome thai knew mair qualifiit; and becaus nane conperit to that effect the sessioun ordanis the electioun to proceid conforme to the ordour.

Mr. James Mortoun to be publiclie summond.

The quhilk day, Mr. James Mortoun being laidfulle warnit to this day for the thrid tyme, as wes verefiit be Androw Sellar officiar, to haif conperit befoir the sessioun, and ansuerit to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him, under pane of publict admonitioun, he conperit nocht. Thairfor the sessioun ordanit him to be publiclie summond Sonday nixttocum, to the xxv of October instant, to gif confession of his faith, conforme to the Act of Parliament, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

Licence grantit to Androw Woddis dochter to be contractit.

The quhilk day, conpeirit befoir the sessioun Androw Wod of Straythwethy, quha exponit and declairit to the session that his dochter is to be contractit in mariage with ane man of the parrochin of Anstrother, quhome he can on na wayis jornay[3] to conpeir befoir this session; albeit that he him self and his dochter ar maist willing to conpeir, and mak thair promis of marage in presens of this sessioun, conforme to the gude ordour and actis of this session, and instantle declaris the samyn, and that he will on na wayis transgres ony ordour of this kirk; and maist humlie desyrit licience of the session that his dochter micht be contractit ather be the minister or redar of this congregatioun,[4] that thairefter the bannis may be pro-

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[1] Niniane Rowill was the precentor. See *supra*, p. 488 n.

[2] Liable.

[3] Interlined over *persuaid* deleted.

[4] This has run—*Ather be the minister of Anstroyer or be the minister or redar*

clamit in this kirk, and thairefter the mariage to be solemnizat without prejudice of the gude ordour actis and statutis maid and observit in this congregatioun; and that he micht haif testimoniallis heirupon as efferis. Quhilk desyre and humill suit of the said Androw the session assemblit tocht ressonabill, and thairfor grantit the samyn, without prejudice of thair actis and ordour observit in this congregatioun; and that the said Androw wald remember the puir of this congregatioun with sum of his cherite, in cais his dochter suld be mariit in ane uther kirk, quhilk he promist maist willinglie to do.

Die Mercurii, xxv^to^ mensis Octobris, anno Domini j^m^v^c^lxxxvij^o^.

Citatio Magistri Jacobj Myrtoun.

The quhilk day, conperit Thomas Wod redar of St. Androus, quha producit ane libellit summondis, dewlie execut and indorsat aganis Mr. James Morton to this day, quhairof the tenour followis:—

Minister elderis[1] and deaconis of Christis kirk and congregatioun of this parrochin of St. Androus, to our lovit Thomas Wod redar at the said kirk, Greace mercy and peace from God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, with the perpetuall confort of the Holie Spirit. fforsamekill as Mr. James Myrtoun, being leatlie cum hame to this citee furth of forane cuntreis suspect in Papistrie, wes diveris tymes dewlie chargit be our officiar to haif conperit befoir us in our counsall hous, to sindry diatis, and last to the xviij day of October instant, to haif ansuerit to the said dilatioun, and gevin confession of his faith conforme to the Act of Parliament, and that under pane of publict admonitioun, as diveris our actis maid thairupon in thame selfis at lenth testifeis. Nochttheles the said Mr. James hes contempteuslie disobeyit in hie contempt of God and our Soverane Lordis actis; quhairfor we charge yow, in the name of the eternall God, that ye publikle be reding heirof laidfullie summond warn and charge the said Mr. James Morton in our parroche kirk foirsaid, upon Sonday the xxij of October

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of this congregatioun. The words—*of Anstroyer or be the* are deleted, but the scribe has neglected to draw his pen through *minister.*

[1] *Elder* in MS.

instant, to conpeir befoir us in our consall hous upon Weddinsday nixttocum, the xxv of the said moneth of October, at tua houris efter none, to the effect foirsaid, under pane of censouris of the kirk; and this on na wayis ye leif on done, as ye will ansuer to us upon the executioun of your office. The quhilk to do we commit to yow our full power in the Lord. From our session of St. Androus the xviij of October 1587.

ffollows the execution of the said summondis: Upon Sonday the xxij of October 1587, I, Thomas Wod, redar within writin, did execut laidfulle this summondis in all and everilk point thairof, according to the direction heirof, and for the mair verefication I haif subscrivit and writin the execution with my hand.—Thomas Wod redar, with my hand.

The said Mr. James oftimes callit, nocht conperand, laidfull tyme biddin, he is notit absent and *contumax*. The ministrie ordanis him to be summond in maner foirsaid, under pane of excommunicatioun, for the secind execution and admonition, to Weddinsday nixttocum, the first of November nixt, with intimatioun as efferis.

Die Mercurii, primo mensis Novembris, anno lxxxvij°.

Citatio Magistri Jacobj Myrtoun.

The quhilk day, conperit Thomas Wod, redar at the kirk of St. Androus, quha producit ane summondis dewlie execut and indorsat aganis Mr. James Myrtoun to this day, charging him to haif ansuerit to the dilation gevin aganis him, to witt, that he is ane Papist, and thairfor gif confession of his faith conforme to the Act of Parliament, and this for the secund publict admonition under pane of censouris of the kirk, as the said summondis mair at lenth proportis; and becaus the said Mr. James being oftimes callit, nocht conperand, lauchfull tyme biddin, the sessioun ordanis him to be summond in maner foirsaid for the thrid tyme publiclie, under pane of excommunicatioun, to this day aucht dayis, the viij of November instant.

Die Mercurii, viij° Novembris, 1587.

The quhilk day, conperit Thomas Wod, redar at the said

kirk, and producit ane summondis dewlie execut and indorsat aganis Mr. James Morton, being dilatit for Papistrie, and to haif gevin confession this day of his faith conforme to Act of Parliament, and this for the thrid publict admonition and summondis, under pane of excommunicatioun, as the summondis in the self mair at lenth proportis. The said Mr. James, being oftimes callit, nocht conperand, laidfull tyme of day biddin, bot contempteuslie disobeyand this thrid and last admonition, is notit *contumax*, and be the ministrie decernit worthie to mereit the sentence of excommunicatioun, and the samyn to be execut aganis him. *Citatio Magistri Jacobj Myrtoun.*

Die Mercurii, xv^to^ Novembris, anno lxxxvij°.

The quhilk day, Cathrine Gulen grantis hir to be with barn to Robert Patersoun mariner, gottin in fornicatioun in William Ramsayis hous in this citee. The sessioun ordanis Robert to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Gulen, Patersoun, *rij.*

Electioun of elderis and deaconis, upon Friday the xxiiij day of November, *anno lxxxvij°.*

Mr. Robert Wilkie minister.

Elderis in the town.

Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour
Mr. James Martine, Provest of the Auld College
Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, maister in the New College
Mr William Cok [*bailye*—deleted]
William Lermonth, bailye
Mr. Martine Geddy
James Robertsoun, elder
Alexander Wynsister, bailye
Jhone Martine, elder

Dauid Watsoun
Alexander Carstaris
Patrik Gutherie.

Elderis upon land.

Jhone Inglis of Straythtyrum
Martine Carstrophein in Byrehillis.

Deaconis in the town.

Williame Zwill
Charlis Watsoun, scribe
Dauid Guidlaid
Martine Lummisdane
Thomas Lundy
Androw Wrycht
Androw Watsoun, mercheand
Jhone Hagy.

Deaconis upon land.
Dauid Forester in Kincapill
Dauid Pattoun in Ester Balrymonth.

Die Mercurii, penultimo mensis Novembris, anno lxxxvij°.

Ratificatioun of the actis.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deaconis aboif writin ratifiit and apprevit the actis and statutis, maid in this buik the fyft of November lxxij yeris, and all utheris actis and statutis within the samyn; quha ar all suorn, oblising thame to observe and keip the samyn.

Dilatioun to be takin.

The haill quarteris of the puir to be callit.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit be the session that ane dilatioun be takin throche this haill parrochin; and siclyke that the ordinar puir of ilk quarter be callit in befoir the minister and elderis, for triall to be takin of thair habilite. The haill South Gait to be warnit agane Weddinsday efter the precheing, this day aucht dayis, and the uther tua quarteris that day xv dayis at the samyn tyme.

Ordour to be takin for keping of the kirk tyme of sermone.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the ministrie, with consent of the majestratis of this citee, that ilk bailye, accumpaneit with ane elder or deakin with ane officiar, his owk about, upon Sonday befoir and efter none, await in the kirk yaird and streitis of this citee, that nane be vagand idill furth of the kirk tyme of sermone, nather in the kirk yaird, streitis nor feildis, nor in the tavernouris drinkand, bot that all personis be in the kirk to heir and learne the Word of God, under the panis contenit in the actis maid thairanent. And quha beis fund culpabill heirin, the said bailye and his assisstouris to signifie the samyn to the sessioun, that the majestratis with thair advis may tak ordour heirin. And William Lermonth balye and William Zuill deakin to begin, will God, to this gude ordour Sonday nixttocum, and safurth ilk bailye, accumpaneit as said

is, his owk about, in all tymes cuming, that God may be glorifiit and vice punisit. And to this effect the haill actis and statutis ar ordanit to be publiclie red Sonday nixttocum.

Die Mercurii, sexto mensis Decembris, anno lxxxvij°.

The quhilk day, Cristene Gray grantis sche is with barn, gottin in fornicatioun be James Lawmonth ane moneth or thairby befoir Witsonday last wes, in George Philppis hous in the foir chalmer in the nycht. The sessioun ordanis James to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis, and Cristene warnit thairto *apud acta.* *Confessio* Cristne Gray, Lawmonth, *rij.*

Die Mercurii, xiij° Decembris, anno lxxxvij°.

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Thomas Methven,[1] commissar of St. Androus, quha with his hart and mouth as apparit ratifiit the haill articlis of religioun[2] professit within this realme, and promist nevir to use in tymes cuming ony uther religion, nor yit that kynd of speking to say that he is nather Papist nor Protestane. *Confessio Magistri Thome Methven commissarii Sti. Andreae.*

The quhilk day, James Lawmonth grantis he hes knawin Cristene Gray carnalie fyve owkis or thairby befoir Witsonday last wes, bot can nocht say if the barn be his quhilk Cristene is with. James and Cristene ar baith ordanit to satisfe for thair offencis, conforme to the ordour, quhill forder triall be hed. *Confessio Jacobj Lawmonth.*

The quhilk day Issobell Fairfull grantis hir to be with barn to Patrik Carstaris mariner. Patrik is ordanit to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis. Issobell allegis the barn wes gottin xvij oukis sensyne in Robert Dalglesis hous. *Confessio* Fairfull, Carstaris.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Jonet Mwir, spous of Mr. Jhone Scott, Elene Turubill, spous of Alane Greg, and Pait, Corby.

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[1] This was probably the Mr. Thomas Meffen, who, in 1561, declared 'that he was nether ane Papist nor ane Calvynist, nor of Paul nor of Apollo, bot Jesus Cristis man' (*supra*, p. 135); and who, in 1569, 'abhorrit and detestit al superstition and Papistre' (*supra*, pp. 317, 318).

[2] *Religitioun* in MS.

Mr. Richeart Schoriswod, to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, for triall of the barn born of Elene Paitt. And also Margret Aytoun, relict of umquhill Dauid Balfour, and Jhone Dauidsoun, servitour to Dauid Caid, for triall of the barn born[1] of umquhill Cristene Corby.

Die xx^o mensis Decembris, 1587.

Collectioun of the almois to the Fransche Kirk.

The quhilk day, it is concludit that the minister with the four bailyeis, Mr. Martine Geddy, Alexander Carstaris, James Robertsoun, Patrik Gutherie and Charlis Watsoun, collect the cherite within the towin to the puir Frensche Kirk, banisit for the caus of the religioun, in Ingland; and that supplicatioun pas to the aucht quartermaisteris upon land, for collection thairof to landwart, to witt, Androw Wod of Straythwethy, Martine Carstrophein in Byrhillis, for the eist quarter; Mr. Androw Aytoun of Kynnaldy, and James Wemys of Lathoker, for the sowth quarter; George Ramsay of Langraw, and Jhone Traill fear of Blabow, for the west quarter; Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum, and Patrik Dudingstoun of Kincapill, for the north quarter. And this to be done with all diligence.[2]

Confessio Mwir, Turubill, Paitt, Balcomy.

The quhilk day, Jonet[3] Mwir, spous to Mr. Jhone Scott, being inquirit if sche wes present tyme of pest with Elene Pait, quhen sche buir ane barn in Beatrix Traillis killogy[4] within this citee, and quhome upon sche fatherit the barn, ansueris sche wes present at that tyme, and hard Elene Pait in hir

[1] *Barn* in MS.

[2] Mr. Agnew has said:—'All that the refugees sought and obtained was the opportunity of earning their own livelihood. They suffered none of their people to solicit alms. They maintained their own poor, a large portion of their congregational funds being devoted to this purpose. And so grand and resolute was their determination in this matter, that when the convulsions of a time of war made their trade low and their cash little, their London consistory (or vestry, as the English would have said) actually borrowed money to enable them to maintain their poor' (*Protestant Exiles from France*, index vol., p. 12). While they did nobly for themselves, the entry in the text shows that they required and received help. Collections were made for them both in England and Scotland (Smiles' *Huguenots*, 1867, pp. 101, 102; Baird's *Rise of the Huguenots*, 1880, ii. 292, 293). The amount raised for them in Scotland at this time was about ten thousand merks (Melville's *Diary*, p. 265).

[3] *Jone* in MS.

[4] A place before the fire of a kiln for sheltering the person who feeds the fire.

extremite say that the barn wes James Lermonth of Balcomeis barn. Elene Turubill, being also inquirit upon the samyn mater, ansueris sche wes also present with Elene Pait quhen sche buir the barn, bot hard hir nocht say that the barn wes the Laird of Balcomeis barn.

Die xxvij° Decembris, 1587.

The quhilk day, Elspot Hammiltoun grantis hir to be with barn to James Arthour, quhilk wes gottin as sche allegis at Witsonday last wes. James is ordanit to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.—And now conperit James Arthour, and, conffrontit with Elspit Hammil[toun], denyis the barn, and sayis that he nevir knew Elspot Hammilton carnalie. *Confessio* Hammiltoun, Arthour, *rij.*

The quhilk day Thomas Sourdy and Issobell Balfour ar delatit as adultraris. Thai ar ordanit to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis. *Dilatio* Sourdy, Balfour, *rij.*

The quhilk day James Cuthbert and Margret Thomsoun grantis thai haif knawin utheris carnalie in fornicatioun diveris tymes. Thai ar ordanit to abstein and satisfe for the samyn according to the ordour. *Confessio* Cuthbert, Thomsoun.

The quhilk day, Jhone Dauidsoun grantis he knew Cristene Corbie carnalie, and that the barn quhilk sche buir wes his. He is ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Dauidsoun. Sa.

The quhilk day, Issobell Fairfull grantis hir to be with barn to Patrik Carstaris mariner, quhilk wes gottin in Robert Dalglesis hous xvij owkis sensyne. Patrik is ordanit to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun, quhen he cummis hame fra the saill. *Confessio* Fairfull, Carstaris.

Die Mercurii, xvij° Januarii, [*anno lxxxvij°*.][1]

The quhilk day conperit Patrik Carstaris as he that wes warnit to this day to answer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him be Issobell Fairfull. He grantis he hes knawin Issobell carnalie, but can [nocht][2] say if the barn quhilk sche is with be *Confessio* Carstaris, Fairfull.

[1] Torn off. [2] Omitted.

his barn. The sessioun ordanis bath the parteis to satisfie for thair offence conforme to the ordour.

Commissioneris electit to the Synodall Assemblie.

The quhilk day, the sessioun with common consent hes electit William Lermonth and James Smyth, bailyeis, Alexander Carstaris, Jhone Martine and Patrik Guthery, commissioneris to the Synodall Assemblie, to be haldin at Couper in Fyffe, the xxiiij day of Januar instant, to assist ressoun voit and concluid in all thingis with the said Assemblie, to the glorie of God, mentinans of religioun, and well of Christis kirk.

Die ultimo Februarii, anno lxxxvij°.

Confessio Balfour, Sowrdy.

The quhilk day, conperit Issobell Balfour, servitour to Walter Finlosoun, quha being accusit upon the dilatioun gevin aganis hir, makand mentioun that sche hes knawin Thomas Sowrdy carnalie, he being mariit with [*blank*] his spous yit on lyfe: the said Issobell Balfour grantis that sche hes knawin Thomas Sourdy twa sindry tymes carnalie in Dunde. Thomas is ordanit to be warnit to ansuer thairto this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, sexto Marcii, anno lxxxvij°.

Confessio Beatoun, Watsoun, adulterii, rij.

The quhilk day, Issobell Beatoun, servitour to Michell Smyth, grantis sche is with barn to Gregorie Watsoun, gottin on hir in Michell Smythis hous, sex owkis befoir Martimes last wes, in adultrie, sche being mariit with Androw Dauidsoun mariner in Craill quha yit levis. The session ordanis the said Issobell to satisfie as ane adultrice, and Gregorie Watsoun to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun howsone he returnis fra the saill. And the minister is ordanit to report ansuer fra the Prisbittre this day aucht dayis, if thai suld ressaif adulteraris to repentance.

Die Mercurii, decimo tertio mensis Marcii, anno lxxxvij°.

Indentoris betuix Patrik Kempt and Dauid Husband.

The quhilk day, it is finalie appointit and aggreit betuix Maister Robert Wilkie minister, elderis and deaconis of this congregatioun, Patrik Kempt, laidfull [son][1] to umquhill

[1] Omitted.

Androw Kempt minister,[1] and Issobell Adesoun mother to the said Patrik Kempt, on that ane part, and Dauid Husband, tailyeour citiner in St. Androus, on that uther part, in maner forme and effect following; that is to say, the said Patrik Kempt, with consent and assent of the said minister elderis and deaconis and of the said Issobell his mother, oblissis him to remane prenteis and bund servand at the tailyeour craft with the said Dauid Husband, for the space of fyve yeiris nixt eftir the day and dait heirof, quhilk salbe his enteres thairto, and ane uther yeir nixt thaireftir for his mait and alsmekill fie as prentisis of the lyke craft usis to gait the hemnest yeir. And the said Patrik Kempt oblissis him to faithfulle and trewlie inserve the said Dauid in the said craft, and all utheris service godly and honest, during the said space; and for ilk day that he remains absent fra his maisteris service during the yeiris of [his prentisch][2]ip, without licience askit and obtenit, to serve tua dayis for ane eftir his prentischip be run furth. And the minister and haill session ar oblist to the said Dauid for the said Patrikis lawty,[3] and remaning with him at the said craft; as also the said Dauid shall instruct and learne the said Patrik in the haill heidis and pointis of the said craft, sa fer as his jugment may extend, to the quhilk he faithfullie bindis and oblissis him be thir presentis, and to furneis the said Patrik his meat drink[4] and bedding in dew and convenient tyme, in sic sort as efferis to his esteat. ffor the quhilkis causis the said minister and session foirsaid ablissis thame to content and pay to the said Dauid Husband, in name of prenteis fie with the said Patrik Kempt, the sowme of tuenty four merkis, and the said Issobell Adesoun twa merkis, money of this realme, at thir termes following: thairof aucht merkis within thre dayis nixt eftir this dait, aucht merkis thairof at Witsonday nixttocum, and aucht merkis betuix this and Michaelmes nixttocum; and the said Issobell the said tua merkis siclyke at Michaelmes nixttocum, with ane pair of scheittis of hardin, and ane bowstar. And heirto baith the saidis parteis oblissis thame to utheris.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Androw Sellar officiar to charge Dauid Orm to mak repentance Sunday nixttocum, *Citatio* Orme, *rij.*

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[1] See *supra*, p. 338. [2] Torn off. [3] Loyalty. [4] *Dring* in MS.

the xvij of Marche instant, on the penitent stuill, for fornicatioun committit with Elspot Reke, or ellis to conpeir Weddinsday nixt thaireftir and allege ane ressonabill caus in the contrar; with certificatioun if he failye he salbe publiclie[1] summond thairto Sunday cum aucht dayis, under pane of censouris of the kirk, becaus he hes bein oft and diveris [tymes][2] chargit thairto of befoir and disobeyit.

Citatio Monipenny, Lawmonth, Melvill, &c., Dauidsoun, *rij.*

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis James Monipenny, James Lawmonth, Robert Melvill, James Cuthbert and Jhone Dauidsoun, to enter in pressoun Satterday nixttocum, for fornicatioun committit be thame *respective;* or ellis to conpeir Weddinsday[3] nixttocum, and allege ane ressonabill[4] caus quhy thai refuis; with certificatioun to thame if thai failye thai salbe publicle summond thairto, Sunday cum aucht dayis, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

Die xx° Marcii, anno lxxxvij°.

Continuatio Monipenny, Lawmonth.

The quhilk day, conperit James Monipenny, James Lawmonth, James Cuthbert, and Jhone Dauidsoun, as thai quha wes laidfullie warnit to this day to gif thair ansuer quhy thai refuis to satisfie the kirk for thair offencs of fornicatioun *respective*, conforme [to][2] the actis maid thairanent; to witt, the said James Monipenny desyrit the sessioun to continew thair deliverance and his ansuer to this day aucht dayis, and James Lawmonth to this day xv dayis, at the quhilkis dayis *respective* thai promist to obey, to quhais desyris *respective* the session grantit without ony forder delay; and as to James Cuthbert and Jhone Dauidson, thai promis to satisfie for thair offencis Sonday nixttocum.—James Cuthbert hes satisfeit.

Cuthbet sa.

Confessio Small, Donald.

The quhilk day Margret Small grantis sche buir ane madin barn in fornicatioun to Alexander Donald servand to James Fyffe. Sche grantis the barn levit tuelf owkis eftir the birth and deit on baptizit. Sche is ordanit to satisfie, and Alexander to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun; and James ffyfe and his wyffe to be warnit, for nocht reveling the fornicatioun of

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[1] *Publilie* in MS.
[2] Omitted.
[3] *Weddinday* in MS.
[4] *Ressobill* in MS.

thair servand in thair hous; Margret Small to pay xx s. for part of hir satisfaction, and to pas to the stuill of repentance Sonday nixttocum. Small sa.

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes appointit the communioun to be celebratit[1] upon Sonday cum xx dayis, quhilk is the nixt Sonday eftir Pasche. Celebratioun of the communioun.

Examinatouris to the first quarter: Mr. James Wilke, Rectour, Mr. William Cok, Mr. Martine Geddy; Thomas Lundy scribe.

The secund quarter: Mr. James Martine, James Robertsoun, Alexander Wynsister; the vicar scribe.

The thrid quarter: Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, Patrik Gutherie, Alexander Carstaris; Androw Watsoun scribe.

The ferd quarter: the minister, William Lermonth, William Zuill; Charlis Watsoun scribe.

Die Mercurii, xxvij° Marcii, anno lxxxviij°.

The quhilk day, conperit James Monipenny, and offerrit him self to obey the voce of the kirk in all thingis, for his offencis committit with Margret Oliphant; and presentlie deliverit xl s. to the box of the puir, in part of pament of the satisfactioun of the Act of Parliament for his impressoment; and promist to enter on the penitent stuill quhen evir he beis requirit thairto. Monipenny, Oliphant.

The quhilk day, conperit Thomas Sourdy, quha grantis him to haif committit adultrie with Issobell Balfour. Thairfor the sessioun, be the mouth of Mr. Robert Wilkie minister, warnit the said Thomas presentle to conpeir befoir the nixt Synodall Assemblie, to be haldin at St. Leonardis College, the thrid day of Aprile nixttocum, to ressaif injunctionis for his said adultrie, and this for the first admonitioun, under pane of excommunicatioun; and forder the said Thomas, being accusit for putting handis in James Sourdy his father, and for dinging of his father to the effusion of his fatheris bluid, grantis the saym. And siclyke the sessioun ordanit Androw Seller thair officiar to warn the said Issobell Balfour to conpeir befoir the said *Confessio* Sowrdy, Balfour.

[1] *Clebratit* in MS.

Assemble Synodall, to ressaif injunctionis for the said adultrie; as also Issobell Beaton, to ressaif injunctionis for adultrie with Gregorie Watsoun.

Bett, Thomsoun.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar verefiit that he hed oftimes warnit Issobell Bett to conpeir in pressoun for fornicatioun, and principallie to this day. Thairfor, becaus sche disobeyit, the sessioun ordanis hir to be warnit agane to that effect, under pane of publict admonition.

Confessio Jnglis, Gourlay.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum and Agnes Gourlay, quha baith grantis that thai haif gottin ane madin barn in Straythtyrum within this parrochin in fornicatioun, quhilk barn is yit on baptizit; and thairfor offerrit thame to mak humiliatioun for the samyn, according to the ordour. And thai haif presentlee deliverit to the box of the puir viij li., in part of pament of the Act of Parliament for thair impressoment. The session ordanit thame to satisfie, and thaireftir to baptize the barn.

Gourly hes satisfeit.[1]

Confessio Blak, Broun.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Broun,[2] sevitour to the Lard of Abbottishall, quha grantis he hes gottin the barn in fornicatioun with Agnes Blak, conforme to the dilatioun. Thai haif payit xx s. in part of pament of thair impressoment, and promis to satisfie on the penitent stull conforme to the ordour.

Die decimo mensis Aprilis, anno lxxxviij°.

Confessio Spens, Broun.

The quhilk day, Jonet Spens grantis sche is with barn to Mr. James Broun, servitour to Patrik Bonkle, and that sche is half ane yeir gane; the barn wes gottin at Martimes in the New Clois in hir awin hous. Mr. James is ordanit to be warnit, to ansuer to the said dilatioun, this day aucht dayis. Jonet warnit heirto *apud acta.*

Bett.

The quhilk day, Issobell Bett is ordanit to be publiclie summond to cum to the stuill of repentance, becaus sche hes bein oftimes chargit thairto of befoir and disobeyit.

Confessio Cur, Broun.

The quhilk day, Agnes Cur grantis sche hes borne ane barn, man cheild, in fornicatioun to Mr. Thomas Broun sevin owkis

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[1] *Satiseit* in MS.

[2] Interlined over *Blak* deleted.

sensyne, quhilk wes gottin in Mr. Thomas Brownis hous aucht dayis befoir the thrid day of Maii; viz., the Ruid day, 1587. [She then makes a further confession as to the frequency of their sin.] The sessioun ordanis to warn the said Mr. Thomas to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis. Agnes warnit heirto *apud acta.*

Die decimo septimo mensis Aprilis, anno lxxxviij°.

The quhilk day, Mr. James Broun grantis he hes knawin Jonet Spens carnalie, and that the barn quhilk Jonet hes born is his barn. He is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour. *Confessio Magistri Jacobi Broun.*

The quhilk day, Mr. Thomas Broun denyis that evir he knew Agnes Cur carnalie, and thairfor denyis the barn quhilk Agnes fatheris on him, and allegis that the barn wes fyve okis born befoir the tyme quhilk sche allegis he knew hir carnalie, and that he wes nocht in this cuntreth fyve okis eftir the same. The said Agnes present constantlie affermit the barn to be Mr. Thomas Brownis barn; and, being inquirit quha wes with hir tyme of hir birth, and quha cuttit the barnis nevill, sayis that Beatrix Crawfurd and Elspot Reif wes[1] with hir tyme of hir byrth, and that Elspot Reif cuttit the barnis nevill. The session ordanit Elspot Reif and Beatrix Crawfurd to be warnit for triall of the verite. *Confessio* Cur, Broun. *Citatio* Reif, Crawfurd.

Die Mercurii, xv^to Maii, anno lxxxviij°.

The quhilk day, Dauid Watsoun, Dane of Gild, at the ernest suit of the sessioun, promist to caus mak ane beir to burie the deid; and William Zuill kirk-maister to be present with him to that effect, and to declair thair diligence heirin this day aucht dayis. *Nota.* Anent ane beir to the deid.

The quhilk day, Agnes Richeart grantis sche is with barn to James Methven, and that the barn wes gottin at Zuill last wes in Alexander Brydeis hous. James to be warnit to ansuer thairto this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Richeart, Methven.

The quhilk day, Cristene Gray, haifing humlie sutit to Gray, Lawmonth.

[1] *With* in MS.

haif the barn, procreat betuix hir and James Lawmonth, baptizit, is ordanit first to enter in presson or ellis to by[1] hir self thairfra conforme to the Act of Parliament, and thaireftir hir barn to be baptizit, sche first makand publict humiliatioun; and James to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.—Grissell wes impressonit and satisfeit.

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Confessio Bryde, Richeartson.

The quhilk day, Margret Richeartsoun, in Ester Grange, grantis sche is with barn to Robert Bryde servitour to Marion Ade. Conperit Robert quha grantis the samyn. And thai baith grant promis of mariage. Thai ar ordanit to satisfe befoir thair mariage.

Die Mercurii, xxij° Maii, anno lxxxviij°.

Monipenny, Lawmonth, Orm.

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes ordanit to warn Dauid Orm, James Monipenny and James Lawmonth, to satisfie the kirk, conforme [to][2] the ordour, for thair offences, yit, as thai haif bein oft and diveris tymes befoir, under pane of publict admonitioun.

Die quinto mensis Junii, anno lxxxviij°.

Confessio Pittillow, Balfour.

The quhilk day, Elspott Pittillow grantis sche hes knawin Jhone Balfour in Kincapill carnalie, in hir awin hous in Kincapill, thre yeir sensyne at Mertimes, at the quhilk tyme he promist hir mariage; and siclyke[3] that he hed to do with hir that samyn yeir twois or thryis; and als leatlie within thir sevin owkis he hes knawin her carnalie. The session ordanit Jhone to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Androw Sellaris ressavit his fie.

The quhilk day, the minister and sessioun payit to Androw Sellar thair officiar fourty schillingis, for his fie and service, fra Witsonday in the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} lxxxvij yeiris to Witsonday in the four scoir aucht yeiris.

Die decimo tertio Junii, anno lxxxviij°.

Lawmonth, Gray.

The quhilk day, James Lawmonth and Cristene Gray, being

[1] Buy. [2] Omitted. [3] *Syke* in MS.

baith present, confrontit; the said Cristene sayis her barn wes born on Weddinsday befoir Fastronisevin last wes, in the town of Skethin within the parrochin of Panbryde; and James ansueris, if sche will produce sufficient testimoniall thairupon, he will tak with the barn, utherwyis nocht. Thairfor the session ordanit Cristane to produce testimoniall herupon this day xv dayis.

Die Mercurii, decimo septimo mensis Junii, 1588.

Confessio Balfour, Pittillo.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Balfour in Kincapill, quha grantis carnall copulatioun with Elspot Pittillow, bot denyis promis of mariage, in presens of Elspott. The sessioun ordanis thame baith to satisfie, for fornicatioun committit, conforme to the ordour; and, becaus thai duell baith furth of this citee, Archibald Levingston is caution for Elspot, and William Balfour for Jhone Balfour, that thai sall baith satisfie[1] the ordour of the kirk, under pane of fourty lib., in presens of William Lermonth and Alexander Wynsister bailyeis.

Balfour satisfeit.[2]

To warn the parrochenaris up on land to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun, with consent of the balyes and consall of the town, that the parrochinaris upon land be desyrit and requestit publiclie[3] upon Sonday nixttocum, be the redar, to conpeir this day aucht dayis, to gif thair guide counsall aid and advis, to doing of sic thingis as tendis to the glorie of God and weill of the hoill parrochin; and that the haill consall of the town and sessioun be warnit to that effect.

Confessio Swyne, Gregorie Watsoun.

The quhilk day, Margret Swyne grantis hir to be with barn to Gregorie Watsoun, quhilk sche affermis wes gottin in Dauid Watsonis hous in the nycht, in hir awin bed, quhair sche lay in the hall. The first tyme wes xiiij dayis befoir Michaelmes last wes. The barn wes gottin sex owkis befoir Martimes last wes. The last tyme that he hed to do with hir wes this day xv dayis; and this is the thrid barn sche hes gottin in fornicatioun with thre sindry young men. The sessioun ordanis Gregorie to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilatioun; and Margret to be punisit conforme to the ordour.

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[1] *Satifie* in MS. [2] *Satifeit* in MS. [3] *Publilie* in MS.

Die xxvij° Junii, anno Domini j^m^v^c^lxxxviij°.

Confessio Gulen, Patersoun.

The quhilk [day],[1] Cathrine Gulen grantis sche hes born ane barn in fornicatioun to Robert Patersoun, mariner in St. Androus, presentle in the schip callit the Solomander in Spane; and allegis sche hes ellis producit befoir the session ane tikket of the said Robertis grantand the barn to be his, and offerrand him self to humiliation; and thairfor desyrit hir barn to be baptizit. And Thomas Lentron, citiner in St. Androus, in presens of William Lermonth and Alexander Wynsister bailyes, is becum oblist, of his awin propir confessioun, to caus the said Robert at his hame cuming satisfie the kirk for his offence, and also to pay for Cathrine Gulenis impressoment at the sycht of the sessioun, under pane of the pament of fourty lib. Upon the quhilkis considerationis, and humiliatioun of the said Cathrine and hir publict satisfaction, the session ordanit the barn to be baptizit.

Obligatio Thome Lentron.

Die xvij° Julii, anno lxxxviij°.

Celebratioun of the land communioun.

The quhilk day, the land communioun is ordanit to be ministrated upon Sonday cum xv dayis; and examinationis to begyn Mononday nixttocum, the xxj of Julii instand. Examinatouris of the eist and first quarter: the Rectour, Mr. William Cok, Mr. Martine Geddy; Thomas Lundy scribe.

The secund quarter: Mr. James Martine, James Robertson, Alexander Wynsister; the vicar scribe.

The thrid quarter: Mr. Jhone Robertson, Patrik Gutherie, Alexander Carstaris; Androw Watsoun scribe.

The ferd quarter: Mr. Robert Wilke minister, William Lermonth, William Zuill; and Charlis Watsoun scribe.

Accusatioun of Agnes Melvill on certane pointis of wichecraft.

The quhilk day, conperit Agnes Meluill, dochter to umquhill Androw Meluill elder sumtyme redar at the kirk of Anstrother, born in Anstrother on Margret Wod hir mother, of aige xxxiiij or xxxv yeiris, being[2] delatit as ane suspect of wischecraft, grantis that sche wes first mariit with ane callit Stevin Crechtoun, sumtyme mariner in Anstroyer; and that

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[1] Omitted.

[2] *Be* in MS.

sche is now mariit with Dauid Banis, sone to Dauid Banis citiner in St. Androus; and that sche duelt all hir dayis in Anstroyer, except this last yeir sche duelt in Craill; and now sche remanis in St. Androus, as sche hes done sene xv dayis befoir Witsonday last wes; and now declaris that sche hed Thomas, cheild to hir secund husband, and that it is xj yeiris sen sche wes mariit with Dauid Banis, bot that sche keipit hous with him bot thre or four yeiris; and thairefter sche com and duelt with Jhone Kynneir in Kingask ane symmer sessoun; and syne half ane yeir with hir mother; and thaireftir in and out with Mr. Thomas Beinstonis wyffe in Pittinweme, vj owkis or tharby; and thaireftir in North Beruik, with the gude wyffis dochter of Lundy Miln, ane quarter of yeir or thairby; and syne with hir mother agane, half ane yeir; and thaireftir she com to Craill, quhair sche duelt vj owkis with Alexander Wilsonis wyffe in and out; and thaireftir com to St. Androus, and remanit with Agnes and Elspot Farleis tuenty owkis cumand and gangand, befoir the pest in St. Androus; and thaireftir past to Anstroyer, and remanit with hir father and mother tua yeiris; and thaireftir to Craill, quhair sche remanit quhill xv dayis befoir the terme of Witsonday last wes; and thaireftir com to St. Androus, quhair sche yit remanis.

Item, the said Agnes being inquirit be the minister, in presens of the haill sessioun, convenit with Mr.[1] Thomas Buhannane and Mr. Jhone Caildcluiche and [*blank*], as thai quha ar direct from the Presbittrie,[2] if sche hes skeill and knawlege of herbis, ansueris, Ye, sche hes skell of persell,[3] syffis,[4] confort,[5] wormed,[6] aylay-cumpanay,[7] and of ane herbe callit *concilarum*[8]; and declaris that sche hes usit syffis, persell, and confort, to help sindry personis that hes hed evill stomokis; and spetialie that sche usit this cuir to Jonet Spens, spous of Jhone Symson in Craill.

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[1] *Mris* in MS.

[2] There is a blank in the *Register of the Presbytery* extending from the 20th of April 1587 to the 9th October 1589.

[3] Parsley. [4] Young onions.

[5] Comfrey. [6] Wormwood. [7] Elecampane.

[8] Probably *Cochlearia*, the well-known and greatly prized Scurvy-grass, a very likely plant for an Edinburgh herbalist to gather at North Berwick.

Item, being inquirit if sche knawis the vertew of stanis, denyis.

Item, being inquirit quhat vertew is betuix sowth rynnand watter and uther watter, knawis nocht, bot heris say south rynand watter suld be usit.[1]

Being inquirit if sche helpit Cathrine Pryde, spous to [*blank*] in Craill, of hir disais and seiknes, ansueris that Cathrine Pryde hed ane disais and seiknes, quhilk wes ane consumptioun at hir stomak, and that sche maid ane drink of syffis persell and confort, and stipit in aill xxiiij houris, and geif hir to drink, quha drank thairof viij dayis; and thaireftir desyrit hir to wasche hir with watter and spetiale south rynnand watter; and, quhen sche hed weschin hir with the watter, bald hir cast furth the watter on the midding, for feitt watter suld nocht be cassin in ony bodeis gait.

Being inquirit if sche com at ony tyme to Walter Kincraigy cordinar in Craill, if sche evir said to him, Gude man quhat wantis thow? quhat movis the to paus or be cogitative on ony thing? wantis thow geir? tell me, I sall find the remaid, and gait the geir! denyis the samyn *simpliciter*; bot grantis that sche spak with him anis, and than he hed na mair geir bott ane kist with ane brokin cheir, and that sche bocht the samyn fra him, and geif him xviij s. for the samyn; and denyis all uther thingis of that mater.

Declaris that sche lernit the knawlege of herbis, and spetialie of that herbe callit *concilarum*, in North Beruik, fra ane man callit Mr. Jhone [*blank*], quha wes ane auld man gaddering herbis behind ane dyke in North Beruik; and that he hed ane wyffe as he said to hir, and that he duelt in Edinburgh. And sche, being gaddering corn for the tyme, saw him gaddering herbis, and sche said to him, Quhat kynd of herb is this? He ansuerit, Thai call it *concilarum*. I pray yow schir, tell me

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[1] In 1603, James Reid, who professed to be able to cure 'all kynd of seiknes,' was 'wirreit at ane staik,' and burnt to ashes, on the Castlehill of Edinburgh. He was convicted of meeting with the devil, 'quhyles in the liknes of a man, quhyles in the liknes of a hors, . . . quhilk lykwayis lernit him to tak southe-rynnand-watter to cuir the saidis diseissis' (Pitcairn's *Criminal Trials*, ii. 421, 422). Pitcairn remarks:—'This superstition still obtains, in many remote places of Scotland, where the virtues of such water are firmly believed in.'

quhairfor this herb is gude? He ansuerit, Gif me ane point of aill, and I sall tell yow. And sche said, I haif na mair bot ane balbe! quhilk sche geif him. And sayis sche nevir saw him befoir nor sen syne, and that he than sperit at hir how thai callit hir, and quhair sche duelt; and als declaris that Mr. Jhone schew to hir that sowth ryninand watter is best, and better nor uther watter; and that the samyn is gude to wesche folkis fra the kneyis and elbokis down, and gude to help thair hurt stommok; and sayis that sche hed ane vomeid[1] quhen sche com furth of North Bervik; and that Mr. Jhone lernit hir to tak syffis, persell, and twa blaidis of confort, and *concilarum*, to mak drink of, and lernit hir to mak drinkis thairwith.

And forder declaris that Jhone Meluillis wyffe in Craill lernit hir to tak quheit bread with watter and sukker, to help to stanche the vomeid, and sayis sche lernit na uther thing fra na uther persoun.[2]

Die Mercurii, ultimo Julii, 1588.

The quhilk day, Issobell Auld *alias* Schaw grantis sche hes born ane man cheld in fornicatioun to Alexander Stewart, present servand to George Halyburtoun of Pittarthy; the barn wes gottin in this citee in Laird Murrayis land in Argaill, at Michaelmes last wes. Supplicatioun is ordanit to be send to George Halyburton, to caus Alexander obey the kirk. *Confessio* Stewart, Schaw.

Die Mercurii, xiiij^to^ Augusti, 1588.

The quhilk day, Cathrine Cristie grantis sche hes born ane barn to Robert Scrymgeour, [servitour][3] to the Laird of Darsy, in fornicatioun; the barn wes gottin at Michaelmes last wes in the Provest hous in this cittee. It is born fyve oukis sene syne, yit on baptizit. Robert is ordanit to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Cristie, Scrymgeour.

The quhilk day, James Miller grantis Agnes Mwrray is deliverit[4] of ane man cheild, gottin be him to hir out of *Confessio* Miller, Mwrray. Satisfeit.

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[1] Vomit.
[2] See *infra*, 10th Sept. 1595.
[3] Omitted.
[4] *Deliver* in MS.

mariage. The sessioun ordanis this mater to be advisit with the Prisbitre, quhidder the fact is adultre or fornication.

Die xxviij° Augusti, anno lxxxviij°.

Confessio Crawfurd, Caid.

The quhilk day, Maly Crawfurd grantis sche is with barn to Dauid Caid, gottin in fornicatioun under promis of mariage in Alexander Caidis hous in this citee. Dauid is ordanit to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis.

Confessio Rekye,[2] Clerk.

The quhilk day, Elspott Rekie[1] grantis sche is with barn to Androw Clerk, servitour to James Wod of Lambelethame, quhilk wes gottin thair. [The session ordanit][3] to warn Androw Clerk to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Die nono Octobris, anno lxxxviij°.

Nominatioun of elderis and deaconis.

The quhilk day, being appointit to all parteis to object aganis the personis nominat elderis and deaconis, quhy thai micht nocht stand in electioun, and to nominat utheris quhome thai knew mair qualifiit; and becaus nane conperis to that effect, the sessioun ordanis the election to proceid conforme to the ordour.

Exoneratio facti per Dauidem Husband sessioni

The quhilk day, Dauid Husband hes ressavit four merkis vj s. viij d. of the prenteis fie promist with Patrik Kempt, by and attour xvj merkis ressavit be him fra the sessioun of befoir; and sua the sessioun restis awand to him onlie xlvj s. viij d. of the said prenteis fie.

Die xvj^to mensis Octobris, anno lxxxviij°.

The electioun of elderis and deaconis in the 1588.

Mr. Robert Wilkie, minister.

Elderis in the town.

Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour

Mr. James Martine, Provest in the Auld College

Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, Mr. in the New College

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[1] Interlined over *Reif* deleted. [2] Altered from *Reif*. [3] Omitted.

Mr. William Cok, bailye
Alexander Carstaris, bailye
Mr. Martine Geddy
James Robertsoun
William Lermonth
Dauid Watsoun
Thomas Lentroun
Patrik Gutherie
Mr. Jhone Scott.

Elderis up on land.
Patrik Dudingstoun portioner of Kincapill
Martine Carstrophein in Byrehillis.

Deaconis in the town.
Williame Zuill, mercheand
Charlis Watsoun, scribe
Dauid Guidlaid
Martine Lummisdane
Androw Wricht
Androw Watsoun, mercheand
Jhone Hagy
Walter Ramsay.

Deaconis up on land.
Dauid Pattoun in Ester Balrymonth.
Dauid Forester in Kincapill.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deaconis aboif writin ratifiit and apprevit the actis and statutis, maid in this buik the fyft of November lxxij yeiris, and all utheris actis and statutis maid within the samyn, quha ar all suorn oblising thame to observe and keip the samyn. Ratificatioun of the actis.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, with advis of the Provest bailyeis and consall of this citee, hes concludit that yeirlie in tymes cuming the sessioun elect and cheis thair awin officiar, and this day aucht dayis to begyn to cheis thair officiar of this yeir to cum. Officiar to the sessioun to be yeirle electit.

The quhilk day, it [is][1] ordanit that it be publiclie signifeit and notifiit, Sonday nixttocum, that na persoun cutt nor carve the daskis in the kirk nor na uther tymmer, under all heast pane and charge the contravenaris may incur. Publicatioun that nane cait nor carve daskis in the kirk.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that all transgressouris of the actis, that hes bein ellis delatit, or that salbe heireftir delatit, be callit, that ordour may be takin with thame according to the lawis. All transgressouris to be warnit.

[1] Omitted.

Die xxiij° Octobris, anno Domini j^m^v^c^lxxxviij°.

Complant of Mr. Robert Wilkie minister upon Mr. Henry Hammiltoun, *rij.*

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Robert Wilkie, minister of Sanct Androus, and complanis upon Mr. Henry Hammiltoun, servitour to the Bischope of St. Androus, how that the said Mr. Henry, this day eftir his sermone maid in the parroche kirk of this citee, com to him on the hie streit and querrellit him of his doctrine; and desyrit thairfor the sessioun to call the said Mr. Henry befoir thame to ansuer for the said offence. And in the meane tyme the sessioun, being inquirit be the said minister if thai fand ony falt with his doctrine this day teachit be him in the pulpeit befoir none, ansueris all with ane voce that thai fand na falt with the samyn. In respect quhairof the said minister desyrit the said session to tak ordour with the said Mr. Henry in the premissis, that utheris wicked and ungodly personis tak nocht occasion to do the lyke in tymes cuming, to great dishonour of God and sklander of his kirk and disdane of his servandis. Mr. William Cok and Alexander Carstaris bailyeis, with the haill sessioun foirsaid, findand great falt with the said Mr. Henry in the premissis, the said bailyeis promissis ather to caus the said Mr. Henry acknawlege his offence to the minister, or ellis to caus charge him to conpeir this day aucht dayis befoir the session, and accus him for his said offence, and thair to tak ordour thair anent.

Confessio Grigorie Watsoun, Beatoun, Swyne. *Adulterii.*

The quhilk day, conperit Gregorie Watsoun, as he that wes laidfullie warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin aganis him be Issobell Beaton in the Act the sext of Marche last wes, and be Margret Swyne in the Act the xvij of Junii last wes. The said Gregorie grantis carnall copulatioun with the saidis Issobell and als with the said Margret; bot affermis in his conscience that he knew nocht quhen he hed to do with Issobell Beatoun bot sche wes ane fre woman on mariit, and understandis na uther thing yit bot that hir husband be deid. The sessioun ordanis Gregorie to satisfie for his offence with Margret Swyne as ane fornicatour; and becaus his offence with Issobell Beaton is understandit to be adulterie, in respect of hir confessioun grantand hir husband to be yit leveand, the session ordanis Gregore to conpeir to morn befoir the Presbit-

trie, and ressaif his injunctionis as ane adultrar conforme to the ordour.

Die penultimo mensis Octobris, anno lxxxviij°.

The quhilk day, becaus that Mr. Henry Hammiltoun hes nather satisfeit the minister for the offence done to him this day aucht dayis, nor yit hes the bailyeis causit charge him to conpeir to this day, to ansuer to the complant gevin in aganis him be the minister this day aucht dayis; thairfor the sessioun ordanit Mr. Henry to be chargit to conpeir befoir thame this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the said complant under pane of publict admonitioun. Hammiltoun, *rij.*

Die sexto Octobris, anno lxxxviij°.

The quhilk day the sessioun continewit the actioun betuix the minister and Mr. Henry Hammiltoun to this day aucht dayis. Hammiltoun, *rij°.*

The quhilk day, the sessioun with consent of the majestratis ordanit Jhone Downy to pay xx s. in part of pament of the Act, &c., or ellis to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, and to mak humiliatioun. Downy.

The quhilk day, Agnes Cur ordant to pay xiij s. iiij d. in part of paiment of the Act, &c., or ellis to enter presson Satterday nixttocum, and to mak humiliatioun. Cur.

The quhilk day, Beatrix Delarasche grantis hir to be with barn to James Brand, sone to Jhone Brand minister of the Cannowgait; the barn wes gottin at Pasche last wes in Jhone Scheves hous in this citee; and that sche nevir knew him carnalie bot anis in the chelmer. Missivie is ordanit to be direct to Jhone Brand for triall. *Confessio* Dilarasche, Brand.

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[1] John Brand, who had been a monk in Holyrood Abbey, was minister of Holyroodhouse from 1564 until his death in 1600 (Scott's *Fasti*, i. 82, 83). Besides the son mentioned in the text he had another, John, who, while a 'student in the Colledge of Philosophie of Edinburgh,' slaughtered 'Williame King, sone naturall to James King, advocat,' on the 27th of May 1615, 'be streking of him with ane drawin knyfe under the left pape, quhairof he immediatlie deceissit,' and for which he was sentenced to be beheaded (Pitcairn's *Criminal Trials*, iii. 360).

Confessio Paty, Mores.

The quhilk day, Beigis Paty grantis hir to be with barn to Thomas Mores, quhilk wes gottin in Jhone Mores hous xv dayis befoir Witsonday last wes, and that sche nevir knew him bot anis. [It is ordanit][1] to warn Thomas to ansuer heirto this day aucht dayis.

Confessio Powstay, Kynnynmonth.

The quhilk day, Issobell Powstay grantis hir with barn to Gedill Kynnynmonth, sone to Patrik Kynnynmonth, gottin in Callenge, and that sche knew him thre sindry tymes in Callenge. It is ordanit that Mr. Thomas Buchannane, minister of Seris, be advertisit heirof, and that he tak triall of Gedall.

Confessio Scrymgeour, Cristie.

The quhilk day, Robert Scrymgeour grantis carnall daill with Cathrine Cristie tua sindry tymes, in the Provestis kitschion in this citee, xv dayis eftir Lammes wes ane yeir, bot takkis nocht with the barn. The session ordans him to enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, or ellis to pay xx s. in part of pament of the Act, and thaireftir to mak humiliatioun, &c.

Die Mercurii, xiij° Novembris, anno lxxxviij°.

Hammilton, *rijo.*

The quhilk day the actioun betuix the minister and Mr. Henry Hammiltoun is continewit to this day aucht dayis.

Dilatio Lessellis, Carstrophein.

The quhilk day, it is delatit that Jonet Lessellis, now in the cottoun of Balcomy within the parrochin of Craill, is with barn to Mr. Martine Carstrophein in Byrehillis,[2] quhilk wes gottin thair. [It is ordanit][1] to signifie to the minister of Craill to caus hir conpeir befoir us; and to warn Mr. Martine to that effect for the said crime.

Dilatio Monipenny, *rij.*

The quhilk day, it is delatit that the Laird of Kingkelis dochter hes born ane barn in fornicatioun in this citee; and for triall thairof [it is ordanit][1] to warn hir and als Agnes Meluill and Jhone Bruce wyffe to this day aucht dayis.

Confessio Moreis, Paty, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Thomas Mores grantis carnall copulatioun with Beigis Paty, and sayis if Beigis will sueir that the barn is

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[1] Omitted.

[2] This sinner may have been a son of 'Martine Carstrophein in Byrehillis,' who was a member of the session. At all events, on the 1st of June 1608, '*Magister Martinus Corstorphine de Balrymonth*' was served heir to his father, Martine Carstorphin, portioner of Byrehills (*Inquisitionum Specialium Retornatarum Abbreviatio*, Fife, No. 194).

his barn he sall tak thair with. Thomas and Beigis ar baith ordant to be warnit to this day aucht dayis [to][1] that effect.

Confessio Orrok, Lawmonth, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Marrioun[2] Orrok grantis hir to be with barn to James Lawmonth, quhilk wes gottin in Henry Lawmonth hous, betuix midsymmer and Lammes last wes. James is ordanit to be warnit to ansuer heirto this day aucht dayis.

Confessio Powstay, Kynnynmonth.

The quhilk day Issobell[3] Powstay, being examinat of new quhen sche knew Gedall Kynnynmonth, quhair and how oft, ansueris, diveris tymes in Callenge that half yeir sche servit thair, and diveris tymes sensyne quhen sche servit the Lady Tessis, in hir cuming and ganging betuix Tessis and Callenge, in the brume, and utheris partis.

Electioun of Androw Sellar officiar.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, haifand full power to elect thair awin ordinar officiar yeirle, hes this day electit and chesit Androw Sellar thair officiar, and continewit him quhill this tyme tuelf month, and this day aucht dayis he to ressaif his injunctionis.

Provisioun for Nicholl Cuik.

The quhilk day, the session, at the hummill suit of Nicholl Cuik, haifing respect to his gude conversation honest behavear and tred of lyfe in tymes bigane, and of his present necessite and esteat, hes ordanit that thre schillingis four penneis be owklie payit and deliverit to him, furth of the box of the puir, for releif of his present necessite, ay and quhill he be providit to sum office of the town. And the said Nicholl for that caus promissis to be reddy and obedient to serve at all tymes in sic adois as the sessioun sall charge him with.

Die vigesimo mensis Novembris, anno lxxxviij°.

Confessio Hammiltoun.

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Henry Hammiltoun, as he that wes laidfullie warnit to this day to ansuer to the complant of Mr. Robert [*Hammilton*—deleted] Wilkie minister aganis him. The said Mr. Henry confessis his offence, and offerrit him willing and reddy to obey quhatsumevir thing the sessioun will command him to do for the said offence. The sessioun ordant

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[1] Omitted.

[2] Interlined over *Elspott* deleted.

[3] *Marrioun* has been written over *Issobell* and rubbed out again.

the said Mr. Henry to be present this day aucht dayis, to heir[1] thair determinatioun in the said mater.

Die Mercurii, xxvij° Novembris, anno lxxxviij°.

Decretum contra Magistrum Henricum Hammiltoun.

The quhilk day, the sessioun of St. Androus being convenit, eftir ernest incalling upon the holie name of God for the confortabill assistance of his Holie Spirit, to pronunce thair decrete and sentence aganis Mr. Henry Hammiltoun, for the quarrelling of Mr. Robert Wilkie minister of St. Androus upon the hie streit of the said citee, upon the said Mr. Robertis doctrine precheit be him on Weddinsday the xxiij of October last wes; the sessioun foirsaid hes[2] decretit and decernit, lykeas thai be the tenour heirof decretis and decernis, the said Mr. Henry to conpeir upon Sonday the first day of December nixttocum, at the secund bell to sermone befoir none, in the parroche kirk of St. Androus; and oppinlie sitt in the saitt besyde Niniane Rowill,[3] quhill the sermone and prayar be endit; and their eftir to cum to the middis of the kirk forgane the pulpeit, humill him self on his kneyis, craif pardoun and forgeifnes at God, the hoill congregatioun, and the said Mr. Robert Wilkie minister, for the said offence, and promis in tymes cuming nocht to do the lyke, under pane of censouris of the kirk;[4] in presens of the said Mr. Henry promising to obey and fulfill the samyn.

Die quarto Decembris, anno lxxxviij°.

Testimoniall ordanit to be gevin to Mr. Henry Hammilton.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, understanding perfytle that Mr. Henry Hammiltoun hes satisfeit, and in all things, upon Sonday last wes the first of December instant, fulfillit thair decrete and ordinance befoir writin, ordanis the clark to deliver to the said Mr. Henry ane testimoniall of his obedience and satisfactioun of the said decrete.

Confessio Diplein, Frissell.

The quhilk day, Agnes Diplein grantis hir to be with barn

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[1] *Heir the s thair* in MS. The clerk has evidently been going to write *the said*, but stopped short.

[2] *He* in MS.

[3] Ninian Roul was the precentor. See *supra*, p. 488, n.

[4] *Censouris of the kirk* interlined over *excommunicatioun* deleted.

to Jhone Frissell miller, quhilk sche allegis wes gottin in fornication in the Nether Abbay Miln, xx dayis immediatlie eftir Witsonday last wes. The sessioun ordanis Jhone to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis, and Agnes presentlie warnit to that effect.

The quhilk day, it is verefiit be Androw Sellar officiar that he warnit Mr. Martine Carstrophein personalie apprehendit to conpeir this day, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in upon him the xiij of October last wes; becaus he conperis nocht, the session ordanis him to be warnit agane to that effect this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonitioun. Carstrophein, Lessellis, *rij.*

Die Mercurii, undecimo Decembris, anno lxxxviij°.

The quhilk day, Jhone Frissell miller grantis carnall daill with Agnes Diplein, viij dayis befoir Lammes last wes in the miln, bot denyis the barn to be his; and allegis and delatis Dauid Andersoun to haif knawin Agnes Diplein also carnalie, and that Dauid is the barnis father. The sessoun ordanis Jhone to satisfie for his offence, and Dauid to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Frissell, Diplein. *Dilatio* Andersoun, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar verefiit that he hed warnit Mr. Martine Carstrophein to this day personalie for the secind tyme, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him the xiij of November last wes, under pane of publict admonitioun; and becaus he conperis nocht the sessioun ordanis him to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, the thrid tyme, under pane of publict admonitioun. Carstrphein, Lessellis, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefiit that he hes warnit Jane Monipenny, dochter to Alexander Monipenny of Kingkell, thre sindry tymes, and last to this day, at hir fatheris duelling hous in Sanctandrous, and that he intimeit the samyn to hir father and mother, to haif ansuerit to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir the xiij of November last wes. The sessioun ordanit Androw Sellar officiar yit as of befoir to warn hir to this day aucht dayis; and to certifie hir faither and mother, if sche failyeis heirin, sche salbe publikle summond thairto Sonday cum aucht dayis. Monipenny, Kingkell, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar verefiit that he hes mony

Ordinance agans Issobell Bett. Sa.

diveris and sindry tymes warnit Issobell Bett to cum to the stuill of repentance, for bering of ane barn in fornicatioun to Dauid Thomson, and that the majestratis hes also chargit hir to that effect, and yit sche contempteusle disobeyit; therfor the session ordanit hir to be publicle summond tharto Sonday nixttocum, under pane of cencouris of the kirk.

Monipenny.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar verefiit that he hes now tua sindry tymes warnit Beatrix Monipenny to conpeir befoir the session, to ansuer to the dilation[1] gevin in aganis hir; and becaus sche conperis nocht sche is ordanit to be warnit the thrid tyme, under pane of publict admonition.

Dilatio Magistri Andree Aytoun.

The quhilk day, it is delatit that Mr. Androw Ayton of Kynnaldy hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun, with [*blank*] dochter to [*blank*] maidwyffe, and ane uther barn in fornicatioun to Gelis Wilson. The sessioun ordanit him to be warnit [to ansuer][2] thairto, be Nicholl Cuik officiar, to this day aucht dayis.

Die xviij° Decembris, anno lxxxviij°.

Aytoun.

The quhilk day, Nicholl Cuik verefiit that he warnt Mr. Androw Ayton of Kynnaldy to this day personale, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him the xj of December instant, quha reportit the said Mr. Androws excus, that he wes seik and that he micht nocht conpeir. The sessoun ordanit him to be warnit agane to ansuer to the said dilatioun, quhen God restoris him to helth.[3]

Arthour, Strang.

The quhilk day, conperit William Arthour of Carnis, as he that wes laidfullie warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin aganis him, delating him to haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Issobell Strang, and that he yit keipis cumpanie with hir. The said William denyis the said dilatioun; and becaus Issobell duellis presentle in Anstrother the sessioun

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[1] *Dilagatioun* in MS. [2] Omitted.

[3] Mr. Androw Ayton had been elected an elder in 1581, 1582, 1583, and 1584 (*supra*, pp. 454, 487, 511, 542). He does not seem to have ever been sufficiently restored to health to appear before the session, either to confess guilt or to clear his character. His son, Mr. John Ayton, was served heir to him on the 28th of May 1590 (*Inquisitionum Specialium Retornatarum Abbreviatio*, Fife, No. 1488).

ordanis ane supplicatioun to be direct to Mr. James Meluill minister of Anstroyer, to tak triall of Issobell to quhome sche buir the barn.

Die xxv^to^ Decembris, anno lxxxviij^o^.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Monipenny of Kingkell, as he that wes desyrit to be present this day to declair to the session the caus that Jane Monipenny his dochter, being divers tymes warnit to conpeir befoir thame, [conperis nocht][1] to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir the xiij of November last wes, ansueris, that on his conscience he knawis nocht quhair sche is, and that sche is nather in his hous nor in ony part of his landis that he knawis; and forder, being inquirit if sche hes borne ane barn in fornicatioun to Alexander Jameson, grantis the samyn to be of treuth; and promissis of his honestie, how sone that evir sche cummis in his hous, or quhair he may haif hir, to caus hir satisfie for hir offence to the kirk. [It is ordanit][1] to advertes the minister of Couper that Alexander may satisfie for the said offence. Monipenny, Kingkell.

The quhilk day, Beatrix Monipenny grantis sche is with barn to William Hay tailyeour in Disart, quhilk wes gottin in Margret Gourlayis hous in Disart, about Lammes last wes; and forder grantis that sche buir ane uther barn befoir in fornicatioun to James Lawmonth, for the quhilk sche nevir yit satisfeit, and that the barn decessit on baptizit. Sche is ordanit to satisfie the kirk for the first barn, and to pas and satisfie in Disart for the last barn quhair sche offendit. *Confessio* Monipenny, Hay.

Die Mercurii, primo mensis Januarii,[2] *anno lxxxviij^o^.*

The quhilk day, Mr. Martine Carstophein grantis he hes committit fornicatioun with Jonet Lessellis. He hes satisfeit ane cron of the sone in part of pament of the Act of Parliament for his impressoment; and promissis to cum to the stull of repentance and satisfie for his offence. *Confessio Magistri Martini Carstrophein.*

The quhilk day, Dauid Caid grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Malie Crawfurd, and that he promist hir *Confessio Dauidis Caid, Crawfurd.*

[1] Omitted.

[2] *Decembris* in MS.

mariage. The sessioun ordanis him to satisfie for his offence conforme to the ordour.

Ordour to be takin for keping of the Sabboth day.

The quhilk day, James Smyth, Dane of Gild, Dauid Kynneir, deacone of the baxteris, Jhone Smyth, deacone of the smythis, Jhone Ferry, deacone of the tealyeouris, James Beuarage, deacone of the cordinaris, and Martine Lummisdane, deacone of the flescheouris, and Normond Watsoun, deacone of the wobstaris, being desyrit in the name of God, according to Goddis command, to tak ordour, ilk deacone with his awin craft and the Dane of Gild with the gild brether, that the holy Sabboith day of the Lord may be kepit holy, and the sermonis at all tymes may be frequentit be the pepill, that God may be glorifiit and sklander removit fra this congregatioun. The said Dane of Gild and haill deaconis foirsaidis hes promist to convein ilk ane thair awin craftis, and the Dane of Gild the gild brether, and tak gude ordour in the premissis; and to report ansuer of the samyn to the sessioun this day aucht dayis.[1]

Confessio Dunkane, Patersoun.

The quhilk day, Jonet Duncane grantis sche hes born ane madin barn in fornicatioun to Dauid Paterson, mariner in St. Androus; and that sche buir ane barn befoir to Alexander Car, for the quhilk sche hes satisfeit. The sessioun ordanis Dauid to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis, and Jonet to satisfie.

Confessio Gray, Lawmonth.

The quhilk day, Grissell Gray grantis hir to be with barn to James Lawmonth, gottin ather fyve dayis befoir Witsonday

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[1] That the craftsmen were not utterly regardless either of the Sabbath or the preaching days is evident from their own records. On the 25th of May 1578, 'the deken and brethren of halmermen all thinkis gude that in lesum effaris, that the brethren convene on Sunday efter nuyne, before sermont, rather than to pas to drinking or utheris inconvenient busines; providing that the preching and praris be kepit without prejudice of the convening of the brethren upon wark dayis for lesum busines doing' (*Bouk of the Hammermen of Sanctandrous*, MS.). On the 15th of September 1607, 'the deacon and counsell ordanis and concludis that ilk brother of craft keip and observe the preching dayis within the kirk, and sit in thair awin seat; and quhasoever abstractis himself from Godis service ilk preaching day, the persone that failyeis heirin to pay *toties quoties* ij sh.' (*The Cordinaris Buke of St. Androis*, MS.). And on the 16th of May 1609, the deacon and council of the latter craft ordained:—'That if evir at ony tyme heireftir William Hwde be fund and apprehendit in play at the bowlis or uther gamis, on ane preching day, tyme of preching and sermon, to pay *toties quoties* xl s.' (*Ibid.*).

last wes, or ellis ane moneth efter Witsonday last wes, in Thomas Symsonis hous in the Mercat Gait. James to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, xv Januarii, anno lxxxviij°.

The quhilk day, Issobell Michell grantis hir to be with barn to Jhone Bowar, quhilk wes gottin [in][1] the Grange xv dayis befoir Midsymmer last wes. [It is ordanit][1] to warn Jhone Bowar to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Mihell,[2] Bowar.

The quhilk day, Elene Duncane grantis hir to be with barn to Jhone Mylsoun, and the barn wes gottin in Jhone Maris hous at Mertimes last wes.—And now Jhone Mylsoun grantis the dilatioun, and is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Duncane, Mylsoun.

The quhilk day, Issobell Strang grantis and confessis that sche hes born ane barne in fornicatioun, and departit with ane uther, to William Arthour of Carnis; the first barn wes gottin and born in Carnis ane yeir sensyne, and that it is thre owkis sen sche departit with the uther barn to him in James Grantis hous in this citee. William is ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilatioun; and Issobell warnit heirto *apud acta.* *Confessio* Strang, Arthour.

The quhilk day, the haill bretherin of the sessioun convenit with ane voce declaris the doctrine this day precheit be Mr. Robert Wilkie minister, and quhilk he hes prechit in this congregatioun continewale sen his enteres thairto, is baith sownd and gud doctrine. Declaratioun of the doctrine of Mr. Robert Wilkie minister.

Die xxix° Januarii, anno lxxxviij°.

The quhilk day, William Arthour of Carnis grantis the dilatioun gevin in aganis him the xv of Januar instant, and allegis the samyn wes under promis of mariage. The sessioun ordanis him to satisfie for his offences conforme to the ordour of the kirk, and at the humill suit of William thai haif continewit his satisfaction for xv dayis. *Confessio Willelmi Arthour, Strang.*

The quhilk day, Agnes Dilarasche grantis hir to be with

[1] Omitted. [2] *Sic.*

Confessio Dilarasche, Smyth.

barn to Mr. Jhone Smyth, and that the barn wes gottin in hir fatheris hous in this citee, fyve owkis befoir Mertimes last wes. The saitt ordanis the said Agnes to satisfie conforme to the ordour, and to warn Mr. Jhone Smyth to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, xij° Februarii, anno lxxxviij°.

Summondis on inobedientis.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that the haill inobedient personis in this parrochin to the ordinance of the kirk salbe summond in generall, Sonday nixttocum, to conpeir on Weddinsday nixt, to ressaif thair directioun and injunction, under pane of publict admonition be thair names in speciall Sonday cum aucht dayis.

Confessio Strathawhin, Alesoun.

The quhilk day, James Strathawhin, servand to Mr. Androw Aytoun of Kinnaldy, grantis carnall daill with Margret Alesoun duelling in Kynnaldy, and that sche hes born ane barn to him in fornicatioun. He is ordanit to satisfie for his offence, and Margret to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun.

Die xix° mensis Februarii, anno lxxxviij°.

Jnglis, Straythtyrum.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum, quha grantis his offencis, and submittis him selfe willinglie to the discipline of the kirk, and to satisfie publiclie for the samyn with the rest of the gentill men of his rank.

Confessio Berclay, Ballantyne.

The quhilk day Mr. Thomas Berclay grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Jonet Ballantyne. He submittis him self to discipline, and promissis to gif ane croun to the puir, in part of pament of the Act of Parliament for his impressoment. Jonet is ordanit to be warnit to ansuer and satisfie for hir offence this day aucht dayis.—The croun satisfeit.

Arthour, Strang.

The quhilk day, William Arthour of Carnis and Issobell Strang grantis thair offencis, submittis thame selfis to discipline, and ar contractit in marage, and promissis to satisfie the kirk for thair offences betuix this and Pasche nixttocum, and to solemnizat and[1] perfyte the band of mariage betuix this and the Ruid day nixttocum.

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[1] *Per* in MS.

Die xxvj^to^ Februarii, anno lxxxviij^o^.

The quhilk day conperit James Lawmonth and grantis that Marion Orrok and Cristane Gray ar baith presentle with barn to him. He is ordanit to satisfie twa sindry Sondayis for his offences, and to behaif him self with humilite and reverence, and to conpeir in the consalhous upon Weddinsday the xij of Marche nixttocum, and satisfie for his impressoment, and ressaif forder injunctionis at the kirkis will. *Confessio Lawmonth, xij^o^ Marcii.*

The quhilk day, Cristene Alane[1] grantis hir with barn to Jhone Annell, quhilk wes gottin in Thomas Dayis hous viij or ten dayis befoir Michaelmes last wes. Jhone is ordanit to be warnit to [ansuer to][2] the dilatioun this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Annell.

The quhilk day, Henry Mowat is delatit to be ane adultrar, and ordanit to be warnit [to ansuer][2] thairto this day aucht dayis. Mowat.

Die Mercurii, nono Aprilis, anno lxxxix^o^.

The quhilk day, the communioun is ordanit to be with Goddis grace celebratit, and examinatioun to begyn on Mononday nixttocum. Celebratioun of the communioun, 1589.

Examinatouris.

The first quarter: Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour, Mr. William Cok, Mr. Martine Geddy, elderis; and Dauid Guidlaid scribe.

The secund quarter: Mr. James Martine, Alexander Carstaris, James Robertson, elderis; Thomas Wod scribe.

The thrid quarter: Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, William Lermonth, Dauid Watson, elderis; Jhone Hagy scribe.

The ferd quarter: Mr. Robert Wilky minister, Thomas Lentron, Patrik Gutherie, elderis; Charlis Watsoun scribe.

Die Mercurii, xvj^to^ Aprilis, anno lxxxix^o^.

The quhilk day, Margret Dalgleis, servand to Agnes Paty, grantis hir to be with barn to Jhone Scheves, sone to Thomas Scheves in Byrehillis, quhilk wes gottin in Agnes Pateis hous; *Confessio* Paty, Scheves, *rij.*

[1] Interlined over *Annall* deleted. [2] Omitted.

the first tyme that sche knew him wes xv dayis efter Mertimes last wes. [It is ordanit][1] to warn Jhone Scheves to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Dilatio Hammilton, Geddy.

The quhilk day, it is delatit to the sessioun that Margret Geddy and Elene Hammiltoun ar baith ather with barn, or ellis hes born barnis in fornicatioun, to the dishonour of God and great sklander of this congregatioun. Thairfor the sessioun ordanis thame to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the said dilatioun.

Kynkell, Monipenny, Jameson.

The quhilk day, the sessioun being informit of the great sklander gevin publikle to this congregatioun be Jaine Monipenny, dochter to the Laird of Kingkell, passing publikle throw the Sangze mercat,[2] with hir bair hair coverit only with ane kell as ane madin, seing sche hes born ane barn ellis in fornicatioun to Alexander Jameson, as wes confessit be Alexander Monipenny of Kynkell hir father, and nocht satisfeit; thairfor the session ordanis the said Jane to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer for the samyn; and also to warn the said Alexander to present the said Jane befoir the session, conforme to his promis maid in the Act the xxv of December last wes, and that to this day aucht dayis; and to warn Jhone Bruce wyffe kepar of the barn to the said day.

Provisioun for ane helpar to the minister, *rij.*

Nota.

The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Wilkie minister declarit to the session that he wald na langer in tymes cuming beir nor sustein the burding on him to preche thryis in the owk in this congregatioun; becaus, quhen he acceptit the office of the ministrie in and upon him, he promist onlie to preche twois in the owk, quhilk he hes done sen his enteres, and sall do, will God, in tymes cuming; and thairfor desyrit the sessioun and town to provide ane helpar to him in tymes cuming, for he micht nocht gudle beir the haill burding ony langer. And the sessioun being rememberit how that mater hes bein ellis in hand, baith in the Prisbittre and befoir the Provest bailyeis [and][1] consall of the town, in providing for ane helpar and follow laborar with the said Mr. Robert, and that the mater now lyis as it wer deid sleipand; thairfor the session hes appointit William Zuill, Mr. Jhone Scott, and Charlis Watson, commissioneris,

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[1] Omitted.

[2] See *supra*, p. 245, n. 2.

to pas to morn to the Presbittre, and desyre thame that this mater may be walknit, and the minister relevit with ane follow laborar; and to report thair ansuer this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, xxiij° Aprilis, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk [day],[1] Jaine Monipenny, being warnit at the place of Kynkell to this day, to haif ansuerit to the contentis of the Act maid this day aucht dayis, as wes verefiit be Androw Sellar officiar, conperit nocht: thairfor the sessioun ordanit hir to be warnit agane for the secund tyme, to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonitioun. Monipenny, *rij.*

The quhilk day being appointit to Mr. Jhone Scott, William Zull, and Charlis Watson, to report the Presbittreis ansuer tuiching ane follow laborar in the ministrie.[2] [Helpar to the minister.]

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefeit that he hed bein at the duelling place of Mr. Thomas Buchanane, Provest of Kirkhill, in this citee, to haif warnit Elene Hammilton to conpeir this day to ansuer the dilation gevin in aganis hir the xvj of Aprile instant; and declaris that he wes informit the said Elene is furth of this town, and that he culd nocht apprehend hir to that effect. Thairfor the sessioun ordanis the said Androw Sellar to desyr the said Mr. Thomas and his spous to be present this day aucht dayis befoir the session, to give thair declaratioun on the said dilatioun. Eleine Hammilton, Buhanane, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefiit that he hed bein at Mr. Martine Geddes hous, to haif warnit Margret Geddy to conpeir this day befoir the session, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir the xvj of Aprile instant; and that he wes informit sche wes furth of this citee, and culd nocht apprehend hir. Thairfor the session ordanit to warn the said Martine and his spous, and als Margret Lawmonth, mother to the said Margret Geddy, and George Ramsy hir spous, to gif thair declaration upon[3] the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis. Margret Geddy, Lawmonth, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Cristene Scott grantis hir with barn to Alexander Bron flescheour, quhilk wes gottin in Thomas Cuthbertis hall, xx dayis or thairby eftir Michaelmes last wes. *Confessio* Scott, Bron.

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[1] Omitted. [2] Here this entry abruptly ends. [3] *Upon on* in MS.

[It is ordanit][1] to warn Alexander to ansuer thairto this day aucht dayis.—And now Alexander confessis the offence, and submittis him self to punischement.

Confessio Laing, Spens.

The quhilk day, Issobell Laing grantis hir with barn to Thomas Spens in Blabow, quhilk wes gottin in Blabow in the hiche chalmer, xj owkis befoir Mertimes. [It is ordanit][1] that the minister advertes Mr. Dauid Monipenny, minister of Kembak, to tak ordour thairwith.

Confessio Cuik, Reid.

The quhilk day, Jhone Cuik and Issobell Reid, baith personalie present, grantis that thair is ane barn procreat betuix thame in fornicatioun, thairfor thai ar ordanit to satisfie for the samyn, conforme to the ordour of the kirk.

Die septimo Maii, anno lxxxix°.

Nominatioun of the minister.

The quhilk day, [conperit][1] Mr. Dauid Russell, Dauid Watsoun and Patrik Gutherie, commissioneris fra the Provest bailyeis and consall of this citee, and declarit[2] that thai hed nominat Mr.[3] Jhone Caldcluiche and Mr. William Marche to be electit follow laboraris in the ministre with Mr. Robert Wilke minister, and speciale Mr. Robert Bruce to be minister with the said Mr. Robert Wilkie, if it be possibill that he may be hed; and desyrit thairfor sum to be direct from the sessioun to the Presbittrie to this effect, quhilk desyre the sessioun obeyit.

Confessio Lovell, Gray.

The quhilk day, Henry Lovell grantis that he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Elspott Gray, quhilk wes gottin in Charlis Ramsayis hous baxter in this citee, at the first fair of Dunde last wes. The session ordanis Elspott to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis.

Die xiiij^to^ Maii, anno lxxxix°.

Thomas Wod electit in place of Androw Watson deakin.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Thomas Wod redar to help Martine [*Carstrophein*—deleted] Lummisdane deakin, in the place of Androw Watsoun, quhill Michaelmes nixttocum, and to serve the Mercat Gait quarter.

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[1] Omitted. [2] *Dclarit* in MS. [3] *Mris.* in MS.

The quhilk day, Alexander Jamesoun grantis that the barn, quhilk Jane Monipenny, dochter to the Laird of Kinkell, hes born in fornicatioun, is his barn, and is content to satisfie thairfor, and promisis to pay xl s. in part of pament of the Act for his impressoment.—The session ordanis baith him and Jane to satisfie. *Confessio* Jamesoun, Monipenny.

The quhilk day, Cathrine Authinlek grantis that sche hes borne ane madin barn in fornicatioun to Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum, quhilk wes gottin in his chalmer of Straythtyrum, about[1] midsimmer last wes. The sessioun ordanis Jhone Jnglis to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis, and Cathrine to be present the said day.[2] *Confessio* Authinlek, Jnglis.

Die xxj° mensis Maii, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day—being appointit to the electioun of ane minister and fallow laborar with Mr. Robert Wilkie minister, in the function of the ministrie in this congregatioun, furth of thir nyne personis eftir specifiit, *viz.*, nominat be the town, Universite, and landward parrochenaris, to witt: M^ris.^ Robert Bruce, Jhone Cauldcluiche, and William Marche, nominat be the town; M^ris.^ Jhone Malcom, Alexander Monipenny, and Mr. Jhone Authinlek, nominat be the Universite; and M^ris.^ Nicholl Dalgleis, Jhone Dauidsoun, and Robert Dury, nominat be the gentill men and parrochenaris upon land—conperit ane rycht honourabill man, James Lermonth of Darsy, Provest of St. Androus, Mr. William Russell bailye, Thomas Lentroun and Patrik Gutherie, commissioneris for the town, and Patrik Bonkill thair commoun clerk; Maister James Wilkie, Rectour of the Universite, Mr. Dauid Monipenny, Dane of Facultie, Mr. Androw Meluill, Mr. Principall of the New College, and Mr. William Cranstoun, Maister in the Aild College, commissioneris for the said Universitie; and honourabill men Sir George Dowglas of Elenehill knycht, James Wod of Lambelethame, James Hay, Chalmerlane of the Priore of St. Androus, Patrik Dudingstoun, portioner of Kyncapill, Androw Wod of Electioun of Mr. Robert Bruce minister and fallow laborar in this congregatioun with Mr. Robert Wilkie, minister. *Nota.*

[1] *The about* in MS.

[2] John Inglis of Strathtyrum was elected an elder in October 1586 and again in November 1587 (*supra*, pp. 575, 607).

Straythwethy, and Mr. Alexander Jarden of Smyddy Grein,[1] commissioneris for the gentill men and parrochenaris upon land: quha all, with ane voce, eftir ernest incalling on the holy name of God, electit and chusit the said Mr. Robert Bruce, as ane man maist meit habill and quhalifiit, minister and fallow laborar in the ministrie with the said Mr. Robert Wilkie. And the saidis haill commissioneris hes aggreit that ilk ane of thame, to witt, the town, Universite, and parrochenaris upon land, send with all diligens thair supplicationis in the maist fervent maner to the said Mr. Robert Bruce, to cum and accep the said office in and upon him, conforme to the said fre electioun.[2]

Confessio Jnglis, Authinlek.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum, as he that wes laidfullie warnit to this day, [to ansuer][3] to the dilatioun gevin aganis him be Cathrine Authinlek this day aucht dayis. The said Jhone, in presens of the said Cathrine, denyit the dilatioun; and on his conscience denyit that he nevir knew the said Cathrine carnale, and that the barn quhilk Cathrine hes born is nocht his barn.

Die Mercurii, quarto Junii, anno lxxxix°.

Confessio Ballingtyne, Berclay.

Sa.

The quhilk day Jonet Ballantyne grantis that sche hes born ane barn in fornicatioun to Mr. Thomas Berclay. The sessioun ordanit hir to satisfie for hir offence Sonday nixttocum, and to pay xx s. in part of pament of the Act.—Mr. Thomas hes ellis satisfeit for the samyn.

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[1] Now called *Kenly Green.*

[2] This was the famous Robert Bruce, second son of Sir Alexander Bruce of Airth, who took his arts course at St. Andrews, studied law at Paris, and, returning to his first *alma mater*, learned theology under Andrew Melville. During the latter period, the citizens, as well as the members of the University, had frequent opportunities of judging of his capacity as a preacher (Melville's *Diary*, p. 254). That he would himself have preferred St. Andrews to Edinburgh as the sphere of his labours is quite certain, for in his old age he said :—'It [*i.e.* his Edinburgh charge] was laid upon me sore against my will; for at the same time I had an outward calling to St. Andrews, with the consent of the whole University, and all the gentlemen round about. I have yet all their subscriptions to testify, and surely I liked better to go to St. Andrews, for I had no will of the Court' (Bruce's *Sermons*, Wodrow Soc., p. 9).

[3] Omitted.

The quhilk day, conpeirit Patrik Dudingstoun portioner of Kyncapill, and George Ramsy of Langraw, commissioneris for the parrochenaris upon land, and declarit to the sessioun that it is now convenient tyme to celebrat the communioun to the landwart parrochenaris. Quhairfor the sessioun, maist willing to obey thair gude desyre, hes appointit examinatioun to begyn Mononday nixttocum, and safurth to continew quhill the parrochin be examinated, and thaireftir the communioun to be celebratit, and that publicatioun be maid heirof Sonday nixttocum. The land communion to be celebratit.[1]

Die Mercurii, undecimo[2] *Junii*, 1589.

The quhilk day, Elspott Gray grantis hir to haif born ane man cheld in fornicatioun to Henry Lovell. Sche is ordanit to satisfe, and Henry to be warnit also to satisfie. *Confessio* Gray, Louell. Sa.

Die Mercurii, decimo octavo Junii, 1589.

The quhilk day, Dauid Wilsoun and Cathrine Zounger, tua mariit personis duelling in Cassindonat, being sindry and seperat fra utheris societie aganis the law of God, ar chargit be the minister and session, personale befoir thame, to adheir to gidder and to accumpanie utheris in bed and buird as mariit personis, within xv dayis, under pane of censouris of the kirk. Dauid Wilsoun and Cathrine Zounger chargit to adheir.

Die primo Julii, 1589.

The quhilk day, Cathrine Pentland grantis hir with barn to Jhone Thomsoun in Langraw, quhilk wes gottin [in][3] Balrymonth Wester sen Mertimes last wes. Jhone is ordanit to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Pentland, Thomsoun.

The quhilk day, Elspot Adnem grantis hir with barn to William Lowden, quhilk wes gottin in hir awin hous xv dayis eftir Zuill last wes. [It is ordanit][3] to warn William to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Adnem.

The quhilk day it is delatit to the sessioun that James *Dilatio Jacobj Martine.*

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[1] *Clelebratit* in MS. [2] *Decimo* in MS. [3] Omitted.

Martine of Lathonis hes gottin diveris barnis in fornicatioun yit on satisfeit. He is ordanit to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, xvj^to Julii, 1589.

Confessio Lowden, Adnen.

The quhilk day, William Lowden grantis that he hes knawin Elspott Aidnem carnalie, and that the barn quhilk Elspott is with is his barn. Thai ar baith ordanit to satisfie for thair offences conforme to the ordour.

Die Mercurii, xxiij^o Julii, 1589.

Confessio Dwnce, Ramsay.

The quhilk day Jonet Dwnce grantis hir with barn to James Ramsay sone to Walter Ramsay cultellar. [Here Jonet enters into details as to times and place of sinning.] The said Jonet Dunce grantis that this is tua barnis sche hes gottin in fornicatioun.

Confessio Diksoun, Andersoun.

The quhilk day, Thomas Diksoun grantis that Cristene Andersoun is with barn to him, gottin in fornicatioun in his fatheris hous within this citee. The first tyme wes in Thomas chalmer about Zuill last wes, and the last tyme wes about Pasche last wes. Thomas is ordanit to satisfie and declair this day aucht dayis to the sessioun quhair Cristene is.

Die penultimo mensis Julii, 1589.

Purgatio Magistri Willelmi Thomsoun.

The quhilk day, Mr. William Thomsoun, being delatit for haifing carnall daill with [*blank*] Dawson his spous befoir thair mariage, purgit him self thairof be his aith.

Rekie, Oliphant.

The quhilk day Dauid Rekie grantis that he hes knawin Elspott Oliphant his spous carnalie befoir thair mariage. Thairfor thai ar ordanit to mak publict satisfaction as fornicatouris.

Confessio Ramsy, Dunce.

The quhilk day James Ramsay grantis carnall daill with Jonet Dwnce at Fastronisevin last wes. He is ordanit to satisfie for his offence.

Die Mercurii, decimo tertio Augusti, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar verefiit that he upon Sonday last wes publiclie chargit Cathrine Zounger to adheir to Dauid Wilsoun hir mariit spous, conforme to the ordinance maid thairanent the xviij of Junii last wes, within xlviij houris, under pane of censoris of the kirk. Charge to Catherin Zounger to adheir.

The quhilk day, Thomas Symsoun and Beatrix Howesoun ar ordanit to pay xxvj s. viij d. in part of pament of the Act, and to satisfie for thair fornicatioun committit befoir thair contract, and thaireftir to proclame thair bannis. Symsoun, Howesoun.

The quhilk day Patrik Killoche in Kincapill grantis him to haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Margret Richie[1] thair. The sessioun ordanis Cathrine to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Killoche, Richie.[2]

The quhilk day, Gregorie Watsoun present is contractit with Margret Auchmowty, and is ordanit to satisfie, as ane adultrar with Issobell Beatoun and ane fornicatour with Margret Swyne, befoir proclamatioun of his bannis or ony mariage with Margret Auchmowty. Ordinance gevin to Gregorie Watsoun.

Die xxvij° mensis Augusti, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day, Jhone Thomson in Langraw grantis and confessis fornicatioun with Cathrin Pentland, conforme to the Act of hir confession. The sessioun ordanis him to satisfie conforme to the ordour.—Thomson sa. *Confessio* Thomsoun, Pentland.

Die xvij° Septembris, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Issobell Strang to be warnit to cum to the stuill of repentance Sonday nixttocum, for fornicatioun with William Arthour, under pane of publict admonition; and als to warn the said William and Issobell to this day aucht dayis to ansuer to ane new dilation, to witt, for new carnall copulatioun. Arthour, Strang.

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[1] Interlined over *Cathrine Hane* deleted. [2] Interlined over *Hane* deleted.

Die xxiiij^to mensis Septembris, anno lxxxix^o.

Confessio Balfour, Alane.

The quhilk day, conperit Robert Balfour and Jonet Alane, baith duelling in Kincapill, quha grantis that thair is ane barn procreat betuix thame in fornicatioun, and that the barn wes gottin in James Balfouris hous, sche being his servand for the tyme, and that the samyn wes born in Jonet Jnglis hous in this citee. The said Robert and Jonet fornicatouris ar ordanit to be impressonit, or to pay xl s. in part of pament of the Act, and to mak publict satisfaction. And Jonet Jnglis is ordanit to be warnit, to ansuer for ressait of the fornicatouris, this day aucht dayis.

Declaratio Scott, Alane.

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Scott, [quha][1] askis God mercy and the sessioun, for the wrangus confessioun quhilk sche maid befoir thame befoir, upon the xxvj of Julii 1587; and now declaris in hir conscience that the barn is Mr. Androw Alanis barne, gottin be him on hir in James Alanis hous, and that he hed mony dyveris and sindry tymes to do with hir; and that Mr. Androw causit hir to deny the barn to be his, and to father the samyn on umquhill Duncane Balfour. Albeit sche now declaris befoir God in hir conscience sche nevir knew the said Duncane carnalie; and sayis that Mr. Androw promist to slay hir, if sche suld utherwyis confes of him, and wald haif cassin his quhingar at hir; and sayis that Mr. Androw promist to gif hir fifty ℔. to father the barne on the said Duncane, and that he gef hir ane pair of plaidis and mony tymes silver and last xxx s. The minister to adverteis Jhone Vre minister of Luicheris to morn, to caus Mr. Androw conpeir this day aucht dayis to ansuer to the said dilatioun, and Margret ordanit to be present the said day *apud acta.*

Strang, Arthour.

The quhilk day, Issobell Strang being warnit to this day, as sche wes four sindry tymes of befoir, to haif conperit and gif hir ressonis quhy sche satisfeis nocht the kirk for fornicatioun with William Arthour of Carnis, as wes verefiit be Androw Sellar officiar, sche conperit nocht. Thairfor the sessioun ordanit hir to be publicle summond thairto this day aucht dayis, under pane of censouris of the kirk, for the first publict admonition.

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[1] Omitted.

Die Mercurii, primo Octobris, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar producit ane summondis dewle execut and indorsat be him upon Sonday last wes, the xxviij of September, bering Issobell Strang summond to this day, to gif hir ressonis quhy sche obeyis nocht the voce of the kirk, and satisfeis nocht for fornicatioun with William Arthour of Carnis. The said Issobell being oftimes callit, nocht conperand, laidfull tyme buddin, the sessioun ordanit summondis to be direct to summond hir to mak publict humiliatioun Sonday nixttocum, the fyft of October instant, for the secund publict admonition, under pane of censouris of the kirk. *Citatio contra Issobellam Strang.*

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Scott as sche that wes warnit this day aucht dayis *apud acta*, to be present this day to verefy hir dilatioun gevin in aganis Mr. Androw Alane; and becaus the sessioun knew the said Mr. Androw to be this day in this citee and advertisit to cum befoir thame to the effect foirsaid, thairfor Androw Sellar officiar is ordanit to certifie James Alane father to the said Mr. Androw, to caus him conper befoir the session this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the said dilatioun; with certificatioun if he failye thai will remit the mater to be decidit be the Presbittrie. Alane, Scott.

The quhilk day, Margret Diplein grantis hir with barn to James Craig, servand to Patrik Scheves of Kembak, gottin in Alane Dempstaris hous. [It is ordanit][1] to warn James Craig to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Diplein.

Die Mercurii, viij^to^ Octobris, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day, the sessioun continewit the actioun betuix Mr. Androw Alane and Margret Scott to this day aucht dayis, that the said Mr. Androw and Margret may be confrontit. Alane, Scott, *rij.*

The sessioun ordanit Effe Gardner to be warnit agane of new to this day aucht dayis for the secund tyme, becaus sche conperis nocht this day to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir, being laidfullie warnit thairto, as wes verefiit be the officiar. Gardiner.

[1] Omitted.

Nominatioun of elderis and deaconis.

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes nominat elderis and deaconis of new, alsueill to be in bruche as land, for thair election this yeir in to cum, as the tikket thairof beris, and publicatioun of the samyn to be maid Sonday nixttocum, to warn all parteis haifand enteres to conpeir befoir the sessioun this day aucht dayis, to gif thair ressonis quhy the personis nominat may nocht stand in electioun, or that knawis ony utheris mair qualifiit, and thair ressonis to be weill hard and discussit.

Die decimo quinto Octobris, anno Domini j^{m}v^{c} octuagesimo nono.

Electioun of elderis and deaconis to proceid.

The quhilk day being appointit to all parteis to object aganis the personis nominat to be elderis and deaconis, quhy thai may nocht stand in electioun, and to nominat utheris quhome thai knew mair qualifiit; and becaus nane conperit to that effect except Patrik Dudingston portioner of Kyncapill, allegeand Mr. Alexander[1] Jarden micht nocht stand in election of ane elder, seing he wes dischargit be the Prisbittre fra all function in the kirk, and speciale to presche[2] the Word, the sessioun ordanit the electioun to proceid upon the rest that ar nominat, and deletit the said Mr. Alexander furth of the nominatioun.

Confessio Andersoun, Dauidsoun.

The quhilk day, conperit Henry Andersoun litstar and Elspott Dauidsoun, quha grantis fornicatioun and that Elspott is with barn to him, and this is the secund barn quhilk sche hes to him, and that thair is promis of mariage betuix thame. The sessioun ordanit thame to satisfie the kirk as relappis personis in fornicatioun conforme to the ordour.

Alane, Scott, *rij.*

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Androw Alane and Margret Scott, quha being confrontit and the dilatioun red to the said Mr. Androw, he planle denyit the samyn, except he grantis he sauld to Margret the plaid mentionat in the dilatioun for viij merkis and ane half, quhilk he bocht fra Patrik Rymor, quhen Margret wes servand in his fatheris hous. And forder Margret, in presens of the said Mr. Androw, constantle affermit the said dilatioun to be of treuth; and forder sayis that James Broun

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[1] *Alexander* is repeated in MS.

[2] *Sic.*

now in this citee com in cumpanie with Mr. Androw at ane tyme to hir motheris hous, quhair sche wes in Drone, quhair Mr. Androw laid compt with hir quhen the barn wes gottin; and at that tyme Mr. Androw causit hir father the barn on umquhill Duncane Balfour, quhom sche never knew carnale, and promist than to hir for that caus l ℔b. money; and als sayis that Jonet Gourlay in Luicheris brocht to hir fra the said Mr. Androw to Dron xxx s. money, thre pair gluiffis, with ane dussoun peris; and forder sayis that Mr. Androw hed oftimes to do with hir baith in Drone and in Luicheris sen the barn wes born. Bott the said Mr. Androw being present denyis the haill dilatioun. The sessioun ordanit to warn James Bron and Jonet Gourlay to be warnit to conpeir befoir thame this day aucht dayis. And Mr. Androw, being inquirit if he hed ony thing to object aganis James Broun and Jonet Gourlay, quhy thai may nocht beir witnes in this mater, ansueris, he knawis nocht James Bron and that he hes na thing aganis Jonet Gourlay. The sesson ordanit baith the parteis to be present this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, xxij° Octobris, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Fairfull quha grantis hir with barne to Mr. William Birny, quhilk wes gottin in Androw Hoggis hous in this citee, and that he knew hir carnale in the hall and chalmer. Testimoniall is ordanit to be direct to the ministeris of Edinburgh, quhair Mr. William duellis, that triall may be takin of his confession. *Confessio* Fairfull, Birny.

The quhilk day, conperit Thomas Studart, servitour to Schir George Dowglas, and Euphame Gardner, quha grantis thai haif gottin ane barne in fornicatioun, and that sche is now presentle with the said barn. Thai ar ordanit to satisfe for thair offence conforme to the ordour, and to pay xxx s. in part of pament of the Act of Parliament for thair impressoment.—The silver payit. *Confessio* Studart, Gardner.

The quhilk day, Margret Scott, being present with Mr. Androw Alane, addis to the dilatioun and sayis, that Mr. Andro stepit tua eggis in vinagar quhill the schellis lap fra thame, and than causit hir drink the vinagar; and that he *Dilatio* Scott, Alane.

kepit the glas, eggis and vinagar, in his awin kist secretlie, quhill sche drank the samyn; and als causit hir drink ane muchkin of aquavite: all this wes done in James Alanis hous. Mr. Androw present denyis the samyn.

Electioun of elderis and deaconis in the 1589.

Mr. Robert Wilkie minister.

Elderis in the town.

Mr. James Wilkie, Rectour of the Universite of St. Androus
Mr. James Martine, Provest of the Auld College
Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, ane of the maisteris of the New College
Mr. William Cok
Mr. Dauid Russell, Dane of Gild
Mr. William Russell, bailye
Mr. Martine Geddy
Mr. Jhone Scott
Thomas Lentroun, bailye
Dauid Watsoun
Patrik Gutherie
Alexander Carstaris.

Elderis up on land.
Martine Carstrophein in Byrhillis
Dauid Forester in Kyncapill.

Deaconis in the town.

Williame Zuill, mercheand
Charlis Watsoun, scribe
Dauid Guidlaid
Thomas Lundy
Jhone Hagy
Martine Lummisdane
Androw Wrycht
Walter Ramsay.

Deaconis up on land.
Thomas Scheves in Byrehillis
Thomas Carstaris in Grange
James Balfour in Kyncapill.

Ratificatioun of the actis.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deaconis aboif writin within the town ratifiit and apprevit the actis and statutis, maid in this buik the first of November lxxij yeiris, and all utheris actis and statutis maid within the samyn, promising to observe and keip the samyn.

The quhilk day Androw Sellar officiar demittit his office in

the handis of the sessioun. This day aucht dayis is ordanit to elect ane new officiar. Dimission of Androw Sellaris office.

Die xxij° Octobris, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day, in the caus of dilatioun gevin in be Margret Scott aganis Mr. Androw Alane, in terme statut to preif the dilatioun, conperit Margret, quha producis Anne Burne witness, aganis quhome Mr. Androw present allegis sche as ane woman aucht nocht to be admittit witnes, thairfor protestis hir depositioun mak na faith aganis him. Nochtwithstanding the sessioun ressavit Anne in witnes *cum nota*, quha, being suorn and examinat, deponis on hir conscience that Mr. Androw nevir causit hir to gadder herbis to him, nor gef hir ony command to that effect, at na tyme in all hir lyftyme, and knawis na forder. Alane, Scott.

Die Mercurii, xxix° Octobris, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day being appointit for electioun of ane officiar to the sessioun, the haill sessioun being convenit hes all with ane voce electit Androw Sellar thair officiar, for this yeir in to cum, and that he obey and keip thir preceptis following, under pane of deprivatioun. In the first, that he nor his mane nather ask nor craif money fra na persoun that hes thair barnis baptizit, nor that ar contractit in mariage, onles it be gevin frelie and na forder. Secundlie,[1] that the knok[2] be kepit in guide ordour. Thridlie, that the bell ring ilk day, Sonday and uther dayis, at fyve houris in the morning, and at fyve houris at evin to prayaris, and at aucht houris at evin, ane quarter of ane hour, and that the last bell to sermone or prayaris ring continewalie quhill the minister or redar be in the pulpeit and begyn the prayar. fferdlie, that he or his man be continewalie, tyme of sermone and prayaris, in the kirk, to attend that barnis and utheris vagaboundis mak na hender to the hering of the Word. Fyftlie, that the hand bell pas nocht throch the town tyme of sermone nor prayaris. Electioun of Androw Sellar officiar.

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[1] *Scundlie* in MS. [2] Clock.

Sextlie, that the consalhous dor and wyndowis be kepit fra harkneris thairat. Sevintlie, that unkowth and strong beggaris be keipit furth of the kirk yaird, and als all barnis fra playing thairin tyme of sermone and prayaris, as at all uther tymes fra breking of the wyndowis and casting on the sklaits. Auchtlie, that the kirk fluir be watterit, and the pulpeit and daskis in the kirk be sowpit and haldin clein. Nyntlie, that he cum ilk Twysday to the scribe of the sessioun, and ressaif his direction quhom he suld warn to the consalhous. Tentlie, that he remane at na tyme in consall, bot to depart quhen he hes gevin his ansuer; and that the towall and the bassin be sett on the pulpet at the secund bell to sermon.

Die Mercurii, quinto Novembris, anno lxxxix°.

Requeist for help to the minister.

The quhilk day, the minister declaris to the sessioun, as he hes done diveris tymes befoir, that he may nocht sustein the haill burding of the ministrie in his awin persoun, and thairfor requestis the sessioun to propone the mater to the Provest bailyeis and consall, that provisioun may be maid for ane follow laborar with him in this great congregatioun. Mr. Dauid Russell, Dane of Gild, Mr. William Russell and Thomas Lentroun, bailyeis, being present, promist to propone the said mater to the consall, and report ansuer this day aucht dayis.

Confessio Mylis, Balfour.

The quhilk day, conperit Grissell Mylis, quha declaris that sche hes ellis born ane barn in fornicatioun to Jhone Balfour in Kyncapill, and that sche is now also with barn to him. The session ordanit Jhone to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Scott, Alane.

The quhilk day, in the caus of dilatioun gevin in be Margret Scott aganis Mr. Androw Alane, in terme statut to preif the dilatioun, Mr. Androw being warnit heirto *apud acta*, conperit Margret[1] Scott party, quha producit Cristene Cuik witnes, suorn and examinat, na thing opponit, deponis sche duelt in James Alanis hous quhen Margret Scott servit thair, and that sche hes mony tymes sein Mr. Androw kis Margret Scott, and

[1] *Mr* in MS.

sein thame togedder in secrete places and chalmeris, the durris being closit, baith in the foir chalmer and bak chalmer, bot knawis nocht if he hed carnall daill with Margret Scott; and that Duncane Balfour wes slane befoir sche com furth of James Alanis hous and service; and deponis sche hes sein Mr. Androw saith herbis in ane pan, and putt thame in ane stowp and causit Margret Scott to drink, and saw Margret drink the said herb drink; and forder declaris that Mr. Androw causat hir fesche ane muchekin of aquavite fra George Howeson in the New Clois, in ane tyn muchkein stowp, and that Mr. Androw powrit furth the aquavite in ane trein cope,[1] and causat Margret to drink the samyn, quhilk sche did in deid; and eftir the drinking thairof Margret wes seik and in danger of hir lyffe; and forder sayis that Mr. Androw causit hir to by to him vinagar in ane glas, bot knawis nocht quhat he did with the samyn. And thir thingis sche declaris befoir God that sche hard and saw.

The sessioun ordanit Alexander Hendersoun sklatar to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilatioun[2] gevin in agains him for smoring of ane barne. *Dilatio* Hendersoun.

Die Mercurii, xix° Novembris, 1589.

The quhilk day, Patrik Dewar grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Cathrin Tullois, in the feildis amangis the peis. The session ordanit Patrik to seik Cathrin, and caus hir conpeir this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilatioun. *Confessio* Dewar, Tullos.

The minister yit as of befoir requeistis the majestratis for to provide for ane fellow laborar with him. Helpar to the minister.

Die Mercurii, xxvj^to Novembris, 1589.

The quhilk day, Jhone Balfour grantis the dilatioun trew that Grissell Mylis is with barn to him in fornicatioun, and that he is thryis now relappis. He is ordanit to sitt thre severall Sondayis on the penitent stuill, and to pay iiij ℔. in *Confessio* Balfour, Mylis.

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[1] Wooden cup.

[2] Has been *dilagatioun*.

part of pament of the Act, and to begyn Sonday nixttocum the last of November instant.

Die tertio mensis Decembris, anno lxxxix°.

Accusatio et confessio Hendersoun, Finlo, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Alexander Hendersoun sklatar and Elene Finlo his spous, being accusit befoir the session for suppressing of James Hendersoun thair sone, being ane quarter yeir aild and thre dayis, grantis that the samyn nicht the barne departit that the barn lay with thame; bot Alexander allegis the barn wes thre dayis seik in the gravell befoir, and that thair wes present with him and his wyffe, quhen the barne deit, Agnes Scheves and Barbara Finlo; and that he hard the barne lyand on his wyffis arme greit, and syne walknit hir: bot now confessis the braith wes away fra the barn or the wemen com in. Elene Finlo, spous to the said Alexander, being severale accusit upon the premissis, grantis that sche past to bed with hir barn on lyffe, and that sche and he fell on sleip to gidder, and quhen sche walknit the barne being in hir oxtar wes deid; and sayis the barn hed nevir the gravell. The sessioun for forder triall ordanis Agnes Scheves and Barbara Finlo, with Jhone Cuthbertis wyffe, to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

Die decimo mensis Decembris, anno lxxxix°.

Helper to the minister.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Russell, Dane of Gild, Mr. William Russell and Thomas Lentroun, bailyes, declaris that the consall of the town hes appointit thame commissioneris to pas to morn to the Presbittre, for ane helpar to the minister. [Thai ar][1] to report the Presbittreis ansuer thairof to the sessioun this day aucht dayis.[2]

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[1] Omitted.

[2] On the 11th of December the Presbytery ordained 'the parochineris of Sanctandrois to conven on Mononday nixtocum in the paroche kirk thairof for chesing of ane fellow laborer to thair minister'; and on the 1st of January 1589-90, they ordained 'Mr. Jhon Authinlek to teache in the pulpit of Sanctandrois on Sonday nixttocum' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). On the 8th of January, 'Mr. Robert Wilkie minister of Sanctandrois reportit to the Presbitrie that he intima[t] to the elderschip of the town, to the Provest bailyeis and counsall, to the Universitie, and gentilmen of landwart, that he was na langer

The quhilk day Dauid Annell grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Margret Fogow in Langraw. Dauid is ordanit to produce the said Margret to ansuer to the dilatioun this day xv dayis. *Confessio* Annell, Fogow.

Die ultimo Decembris, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefiit that he hed oftimes warnit Patrik Dewar, and spetiale personalie to this day, to conpeir befoir the sessioun, and to bring with him Cathrine Tullois to verefie the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir the xix of November last wes. Becaus the said Patrik being oftimes callit and conperit nocht, the sessioun ordanit him to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonitioun. Dewar, Tullois.

The quhilk day, anent the conplant gevin befoir the sessioun

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to tak upon [him] the haill burdene of the ministrie of San[ct]androis as he hed done befoir; protesting that the godlie wysdomes of the Presbitry wa[ld] tak in guid part that he schew the same to tham also, and gadder nane offence thairof; beca[us] at his acceptatioun thairof he tuik not upon him that haill charge, bot onlie ane part thairof as w[es] aggreit betuix the parochin and him as he alledgis; counting the haill ane burdene i[nsup]portable to ony ane man namlie in that auditour, and that of guid zeal allenarlie he hed sustenit that charge sa lang, houping ever for ordinar releif, untill he is brocht to s[ic] infirmities as he may na langer bere it owt, withowt the los of him self; and albeit he culd be content at Goddis guid plesour, in houp of his michtie assistance, to warsell [with] the burdene to the utermost, yitt finding his travell to be the stay of forder provisioun [he] culd not of conscience in his persoun mak sa evill ane preparative to the kirk, that [of] sa large ane patrimonie as the teindis few mailis and annuell rentis of Sanctandrois paroch[in] allaneralie his small part thairof suld be appoyntit to the kirkis use; bot at the leist ane uther mycht be provydit with him thairof; nather culd he aggrie that sa greit ane parochin, being [*worn off*] mylis in lenth and thre or four in breid, suld be servit be the ministrie of ane man allen[ar]lie, seing for boundis and pepill it mycht weill be four parochinis; and cowntis all . . . that ane man tak upon him self alone sic ane parochin and to retene four kirkis, quhilk is contrare to conscience and actis of the kirk; protesting thairfor as of befoir that it be na offence gif he tak him self to his promesit part of his burdene allenarlie, to teache an[is] on the Weddinsday and anis on the Lordis day, besyd the uther effairis of the congregatio[un], that the parochin mycht be movit to the greter diligence for forder provisioun. Quhilk protesta[tioun] being weyit and votit wes fund ressonable and admittit in respect of the reasonis alledgit, and wes ordanit to be registrat in the buikis of the Presbitry' (*Ibid.*).

Broun, Turnour.

be James Meldrum[1] aganis Cristene Turnour his spous and Nicholl Broun calsay maker, accusing thame as adulteraris, as the bill gevin in thairupon at lenth beris, conperit the said Nicholl and Cristene, quha denyit the bill *simpliciter*; and thai, nochttheles with diveris witnes examinat thairupon, deponis as thair ansuer beris. The sessioun, with the advis of the Provest and bailyeis of the citee and of the Presbittrie,[2] for the great sklander gevin be thame to the congregatioun, the said Nicholl being fund eftir ten houris at evin hid secretele in James Meldrumis[1] hous in this citee behind ane bed heid, ordanit Nicholl and Cristene to mak publict humiliatioun on the penitent stuill Sonday nixttocum in sek claith; and remittit forder punischment to be appointit to thame, at the discretion of the majestrattis.

Die Mercurii, xiiij^to^ Januarii, 1589.

Confessio Watsoun, Wemys.

The quhilk day, Jonet Watsoun grantis hir with barn to Arthour Wemys, quhilk wes gottin in hir motheris hous in this citee befoir Lammes last wes, and that Arthour promist to hir mariage. Arthour is ordanit to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, xxj^o^ Januarii, 1589.

Confessio Arthurj Wemys.

The quhilk day, Arthour Wemes, being warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him this day aucht dayis be Jonet Watson, grantis the dilatioun trew, and that Jonet[3] Watson is with barn to him, and that he promist to marie the said Jonet; lykeas he be thir presentis promissis to marie hir with the grace of God, and nane utheris. The session ordanit baith the saidis partes to satisfie for thair offence conforme to the ordour.

Confessio Diplein, Craig.

The quhilk day, Margret Diplein grantis hir with barn to James Craig, servand to Pa. Scheves of Kembak, quhilk wes gottin in Alane Dempstaris hous in this citee. James is

[1] The contracted termination of this name is a little uncertain.
[2] There is no reference to this case in the *Register of the Presbytery*.
[3] *Jone* in MS.

ordanit to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.—And now James conperis and grantis the dilatioun trew. [He is][1] ordanit to pay xx s. in part of pament of the Act &c., and to satisfie conforme to the ordour.—Satisfeit be Craig. Sa.

Die Mercurii, xxviij° Januarii, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day, Jonet Turubill grantis hir with barn to Walter Finlo now servitour to Dauid Dalgles, grantis the first tyme sche knew him carnalie wes at Witsonday in the feildis quhen the barne wes gottin, the nixt tyme wes in Androw Alanis hous in this citee. [It is ordanit][1] to warn Walter to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Turubill, Finlo.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar yit as of befoir verefiit that he hed warnit Patrik Dewar diveris and sindry tymes to satisfie for his offence, and last to this day to ansuer for his contempt, under pane of publict admonitioun. The session, yit in hope of amendiment, continewit the mater to this day aucht dayis, and ordanit Patrik to be warnit to that effect; and to warn Tullois, quha is in Pa. Smalummis hous, to this day aucht dayis. Dewar, Twllois. Dewar hes sa.

Die xj° Februarii, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day, Dauid Pattoun in Kynnaldy grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Margret Cristie, and that in the place of Kynnalldy, quhilk Margret is now in Carnebe. The said Margret is ordanit to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis, and Dauid is ordanit to satisfie for his offence and to pay four merkis for his impressoment in part of payment of the Act.—Dauid hes satisfeit. *Confessio* Pattoun, Cristie.

Die xviij° Februarii, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day, Jonet Ogiluy warnit to this day, as sche that wes delatit for keping of ane oppin hous in the silence of the nicht, with Margret Gibson, and resett of young men; and als accusit for nocht satisfeing of the kirk of Dunde for tua Ogiluy, Quhittat.

[1] Omitted.

barnis, gottin on hir in Dunde in fornicatioun with Jhone Quhittat. Jonet is admonisit to keip hir hous clois in silence of the nicht in tymes cuming, and als is ordanit to produce testimoniall furth of the burth of Dunde that sche hes satisfeit the kirk thair for the said offence.

xxv^to^ Februarii, 1589.

Confessio Jnglis, Lochemalony.

The quhilk day, Agnes Jnglis grantis sche is with barn to Dauid Lochmalony, servitour to Patrik Dudingston portioner of Kyncapill, quhilk wes gottin in Kincapill in Agnes awin hous in harvest last wes. Dauid is ordanit to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Confessio Schort, Thomsoun.

The quhilk day, Beatrix Schort, servitour to Robert Mwrray maltman, grantis sche is with barn to Thomas Thomsoun, servitour to the Laird of Culluthy, quhilk wes gottin [in][1] the castell of Luicheris. Becaus the barn wes nocht gottin in this citee, the session requestis Mr. William Russell and Thomas Lentron bailyeis to caus put the said Beatrix furth of this citee, quhill sche satisfie the kirk of Luicheris for hir offence, quhilk thai promist to do.

Die Mercurii, undecimo Marcii, anno lxxxix^o^.

Citatio Dempstar, Diplein.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefiit that he hed warnit Androw Diplein and Alane Dempstar oft and diveris tymes, and spetialie to this day, to haif presentit Margret Diplein to underly discipline for fornicatioun with James Craig, manifestit be procreatioun of ane barn gottin in Alane Dempstaris hous, as thai quha wer cautioneris for the said Margret to that effect; nochttheles thai haif contempteusle disobeit. Quhairfor, the session ordanis thame yit as of befoir to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis, to the effect foirsaid, under pane of publict admonitioun.

Citatio Wemys, Watsoun.

The quhilk day, the sessoun ordanit the officiar to warn Arthour Wemys and Jonet Watson the thrid tyme, to underly the discipline of the kirk for thair fornicatioun, under pane of

[1] Omitted.

publict admonition; becaus Androw Sellar officar verefiit that he hed warnit thame tua sindry tymes thairto off befoir and [thai have][1] disobeyit.

The quhilk day, Dauid Lochemalony grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Agnes Jnglis, conforme to the dilatioun gevin in upon him. He is ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Lochemalon Jnglis.

The quhilk day, Agnes Rekie grantis hir with barn to Robert Ramsay, servitour to the Laird of Tarvat, quhilk wes gottin at Mertimes last wes, in the Thrid Part, in the auld chalmer under the auld hall, efter supper. The session ordanis supplicatioun to the majestratis to putt hir furth of this citee, quhill sche satisfe quhair the falt wes maid. *Confessio* Rekie, Ramsay.

The quhilk day Martha Dudingstoun conplanit upon James Mar.[2]

The quhilk day, it being delatit to the sessioun that Martha Dudingston is sindry fra James Mar hir spous and fra his societie, and Martha being callit befoir thame, and hering hir maist willing to adheir to him and to accumpane with him, as becummis hir of hir dewete to do to hir laidfull spous; the sessioun hes ordanit Androw Sellar officiar to charge James Mar to ressaif the said Martha in hous with him, and to adheir to hir as becummith him to do, and that incontinent but delay, or ellis to conpeir this day aucht dayis and allege ane ressonabill caus quhy he aucht nocht to do the samyn, under pane of censouris of the kirk. Mar, Dudingston.

Die xviij° Marcii, anno lxxxix°.

The quhilk day, Walter Finlo, servand to Dauid Dalgles, grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Jonet Turubill, as the dilatioun beris. The sessioun ordanit baith the parteis to satisfie conforme to the ordour.—Finlo satisfeit. *Confessio* Finlo, Turubill. Sa.

The quhilk day, anent the bill of sklander gevin in befoir the session be Mawis Michell, spous of Jhone Gray messinger, and the said Jhone for his interes, aganis Jhone Jnglis and *Decretum contra* Jnglis, Carno.

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[1] Omitted.

[2] This is apparently a bungled beginning of the next paragraph.

Elene Carno his spous, makand mention that the said Jhone Jnglis and Elene mony sindry and diveris tymis maist ungodly sklanderit the said Maws, calland hir ane commoun huir; and speciale upon Weddinsday the xviij of Marche instant, in presens of the said Jhone Gray and diveris utheris honest personis, the said Jhone Jnglis said . . .[1] as the said bill[2] of sklander, this day red in presens of the said Jhone Jnglis denyand the samyn, [beris];[3] and thaireftir gevin to the conplaneris probation thai previt the samyn sufficientlie. The session thairfor, for satisfaction and for staying of thame and utheris to do the lyke in tyme cuming, hes decernit and ordanit, and be thir presentis decernis and ordanis, the saidis Jhone Jnglis and Elene Carno to sitt down incontinent on thair kneis befoir the sessioun, and ask God and the saidis Maus and hir spous forgevenes for the said offens and sklander, and thairefter to pas to the place quhair the offence wes done and said, and [thair][3] lykewys ask God and thame forgevenes of the samyn, and that thai desist and ceas fra the lyke in tymes cuming; and if thai or[4] ony of thame offendis aganis the said Jhone Gray or Maus his spous in tyme cuming, in word or deid, to pay ten ℔. to the box of the puir, and to mak publict satisfaction on the penitent stuill for the samyn; and this decrete and sentence pronuncit with consent of majestratis elderis of the said citee.

Gray, Michell.

Die xxv^to Martii, 1590.

Confessio Talp, Lindesay.

The quhilk day Cathrin Talp grantis hir to be with barn to Robert Lindesay, servitour to the Laird of Raith, quhilk wes gottin in Fedinsche. Robert is ordanit to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Robert sa.

Monipenny, Jamesoun.

The quhilk day, conperit ane honourabill man Alexander Monipenny of Kinkell, and desyrit the session to ordane the barn gottin be Alexander Jamesoun in fornicatioun on Jane Monipenny his dochter to be baptizit, in respect that the said Alexander hes ellis bein befoir the session and confessit the barn. The session present, being advisit with the said Alex-

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[1] Here the slander is summarised.
[2] *Bell* in MS.
[3] Omitted.
[4] *For* in MS.

anderis petition, ordanit the said Jane first to conpeir befoir thame in the consalhous, and confes hir offence, and to mak publict humiliatioun for the offence, conforme to the ordour; or, at the leist, sche conperand befoir the session acknawleging hir offence, and promising to satisfie at ane certane day, and to that effect to deliver ane sufficient plege, and if sche satisfeis nocht at the day to tyn the plege, and nochtwithstanding to be subject to underly discipline; quhilk being done the barne to be baptizit.[1] The said Alexander promist to caus hir conpeir to that effect this day aucht dayis.

Request to the gentillmen upon land.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that missivis be direct from thame to the gentillmen to landwart, to be present befoir thame this day aucht dayis, for gude ordour to be takin for provision of Mr. Jhone Authinlek minister for his stipend; and als to gif thair gude advis help and concurrans in diveris utheris neidfull thingis, tending to the glory of God and weill of the haill parrochin, etc.

To warn Forrett, Lathangze, Clapen.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit [to warn][2] Patrik Forrottis wyffe and Walter Lathangie and his spous, for ressett of wemen with barn without licience; and also to warn Beatrix Clapen to ansuer to the dilationis this day aucht dayis.

Rikkart.

The sessioun ordanit to warn [*Patrik Forrettis wy*—deleted] Robert Rikkart and Normond Rikkart to this day aucht dayis, for—[3] conperit, and admonest to present thair barnis to baptisme in dew tyme.

Die Mercurii, primo Aprilis, anno lxxxx°.

Ordour takin for support to Mr. JhoneAuthinlek follow laborar with our minister.

The quhilk day, the gentill men upon land of this parrochin being writin for be the session to conpeir this day, for taking ordour for provision to be maid for stipend to Mr. Jhone Authinlek follow laborar in the ministrie with Mr. Robert Wilkie ordinar pastor, and for mending of the kirk, for delating of faltouris and taking ordour for punischment of vice within this congregatioun, &c., and [that][2] the sessioun, consall of the town and haill gentill men upon land, micht all with ane

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[1] *Baptzit* in MS. [2] Omitted.
[3] There is evidently something omitted here.

voce concluid and aggre thairintill, that God micht be glorifiit, and this holl congregatioun alsueill burth as land micht be purgit of sic vices as now aboundis thairin. Of the quhilkis gentill men conperit Patrik Dudingstoun portioner of Kyncapill, Androw Wod of Straythwethy, George Ramsay of Langraw, Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum, Martine Carstrophein portioner of Byrehillis, and Alexander Wod for James Wod of Lambelethame his father. The sessioun, with the advis of the bailyeis, Dane of Gild,[1] and sum of the consall of the town, and with the advis of the said gentill men, hes tocht gude and concludit to the support of the said Mr. Jhonis stipend, quhill the nixt platt and ordour to be takin be his Majesteis doaris for ministeris stipendis—and than thai all to concur togidder to gait ane ressonabill stipend to him—and in the meanetyme the town to gratifie the said Mr. Jhone with sum ressonabill thing for thair part, as also the parrochenaris upon land for thair part, and for the better obtening the samyn fra the parrochenaris upon land, that thair be aucht quarter maisteris in the said parrochin; to witt, for the eist quarter, Martine Carstrophen and George Ramsay of Langraw; the secund quarter, James Wemys of Lathoker and Mr. Jhone Aytoun of Kynnaldy; the thrid quarter, Gavin Wemys of Vnthank and Alexander Wod for James Wod his father; the west and last quarter, Patrik Dudingstoun portioner of Kincapill and Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum; and that letteris of requeist be directit from the sessioun to the saidis quartermaisteris to the effect foirsaid; and als to request every gentill man within his awin boundis to tak diligent inquisition of all incestious personis, adulteraris, fornicatouris, on baptizit barnis, Papistis, Jesuittis, and of all utheris notabill vices, within the parrochin, betuix this and the xxij of Aprile instant; and the saidis quarter maisteris to report ansuer of thair diligens thairin, and of thair support to the said Mr. Jhonis stipend to the sessioun, the said day: as also Mr. Dauid Russell, Dane of Gild, Mr. William Russell and Thomas Lentroun, bailyeis, present, to report the townis gude will anent the said Mr. Jhonis support the said day.

xxij₀ Aprilis.

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[1] *Glid* in MS.

The quhilk day, conperit Jane Monipenny, dochter to the Laird of Kinkell, quha grantis sche hes born ane man cheld in fornicatioun to Alexander Jameson. Sche submittis hir self to discipline of the kirk, and desyris the session for Goddis saik to bapteis the said barn, and becaus sche may nocht vaik fra the comptes of Crawfurdis service quhill Witsonday, sche promisis than be Goddis grace to mak publict humiliatioun in this kirk for hir offence; and in plege of the samyn hes deliverit ten ℔. money to the box of the puir; with this condition, if sche conperis nocht than and satisfeis, the ten ℔. to be tynt and be gevin frele to the puir, and sche nochtwithstanding to satisfie the kirk conforme to the ordour; and in this respect desyrit hir barn to be baptizit, quhilk the session ordanit to be done. *Confessio* Monipenny, Jamesoun.

The quhilk day, Cristene Andersoun grantis hir with barne to James Hay, quhilk wes gottin ane litill befoir Mertimes last wes, in Dauid Crummeis hous, the first tyme wes at Michaelmes last wes. [It is ordanit][1] to warn [*Dauid*—deleted] James Hay to this day aucht dayis. This is the thrid barn sche hes gottin in fornicatioun. *Confessio* Andersoun, Hay.

The quhilk day, Robert Lindesay, servitour to the Laird of Raith, grantis [he][1] hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Cathrin Talp, as is delatit, in Fedinsche. [He is ordanit][1] to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Lindesay, Talp.

The session ordanit Elene Huntar and Beatrix Clapen to be warnit to ansuer to the dilationis this day aucht dayis. Huntar, Clapen.

Die xv^to^ Aprilis, anno lxxxx^o^.

The quhilk day, becaus Elene Huntar, being warnit to this day to haif ansuerit to the dilationis gevin in aganis her, conperit nocht, sche is ordanit to be warnit agane thairto this day aucht dayis. Huntar.

The quhilk day, James Hay, servitour to Dauid Dalgleis, grantis the dilatioun gevin in aganis him trew, quhilk wes gevin in the first of Aprile instant. He is ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Hay, Andersoun.

The quhilk day, Alexander Monipenny of Kinkell, in name

[1] Omitted.

Obligatio Alexandri Monipenny de Kynkell.

of Jane Monipenny his dochter, ressavit fra the minister and session the ten li., quhilk wes consignit be hir the first of Aprile instant; becaus it is ordanit be the Synodall Assemblie that Jane Monipenneis barn be nocht baptizit quhill repentance first preceid. Thairfor the said Alexander oblissis him, his airis, executouris and assignis, to warrand freith[1] releif and keip skaithles the minister and haill session of the pament of the said ten li., at the handis of the said Jane Monipenny and all utheris.

Ita est Carolus Watsoun notarius publicus in premissis requisitus subscribitur.

Confessio Bawdy, Bawin.

The quhilk day, Margret Bawin grantis hir with barn to Jhone Bawdy, quhilk wes gottin in hir awin hous in this citee, xx dayis efter Zuill last wes; the first tyme wes ane litill befoir Mertimes[2] last. [It is ordanit][3] to warn Jhone Bawdy, quha duellis with Agnies Wemys, to this day aucht dayis.

Die xxij° mensis Aprilis, anno lxxxx°.

Martine, *rij.*

The quhilk day, James Martine of Lathonis being warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him, and nocht conperand, as wes verefiit be Androw Sellar officiar; the sessioun ordanis him to be warnit agane the secund tyme, under [pane of][3] publict admonitioun, to this day aucht dayis.

Lermonth, Nyde, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Jonet Lermonth, Lady Nyde, being personale warnit to this day be Androw Sellar officiar, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir, conperit nocht. Thairfor the sessioun ordanis hir to be warnit agane the secund tyme, under [pane of][3] publict admonition, to this day aucht dayis.

Confessio Bicartoun.

The quhilk day, Jonet Bicartoun grantis sche hes born ane barn in Casche, quhilk wes gottin on hir in fornicatioun be Androw Bicartoun in Perth. The session ordanis hir to satisfie for hir offence quhair the falt wes maid, and to report testimoniall thairupon.

Admonitioun gevin to Walter Lathangze.

The quhilk day Walter Lathangze admonisit nocht to ressaif harlottis in his hous.

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[1] Free, release. [2] *Mertimes* is repeated in MS. [3] Omitted.

The quhilk day, becaus Androw Sellar verefiit that he hed tuois summond Cathrine Pentland personale, to satisfie for fornicatioun, confessit be hir in procreating of ane barn to Jhone Thomsoun, [and sche][1] hes disobeyit, the session ordanis hir to be summond the thrid tyme, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun. *Citatio* Pentland.

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Wod in Straythwethy, and Androw Howesoun thair, quha grantis thai haif procreat[2] ane barn in fornicatioun, and is content to satisfie for thair offence. Thai haif instantle payit xl s., in part of pament of the Act, and to satisfie on Sunday nixt publiclie conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Wod, Howesoun.

The session ordanit Mr. Dauid Methven to be warnit to this day aucht dayis to ansuer to the dilatioun. *Citatio* Methevin.

The quhilk day, Jonet Watsoun, being warnit to this day to satisfie for hir offence, as wes verefiit be the officiar, conperit nocht; thairfor the sessioun ordanit hir to be warnit agane the secund tyme thairto, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun. *Citatio* Watson.

The quhilk day, Elene Huntar, being warnit personale to this day to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir the secund tyme, as wes verefiit be the officiar, conperit nocht; thairfor the sessioun ordanit hir to be warnit agane the thrid tyme, to this day aucht dayis, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun. *Citatio* Huntar.

The quhilk day, thir honest and discrete personis under writin ar electit, with consent of the haill sessioun and majestratis of this citee, to attend ilk Sonday, for visiting of the kirk yaird, the haill town, and feildis thair about, that nane be fund vagand in the kirk yaird, streittis, browstarhoussis, taveronis, cachpellis,[3] nor feild, tyme of sermon [on][1] the Sabboith day; and to noit ilk personis name that beis fund that tyme, and signifie the saymn to the session and majestratis Weddinsday nixt thairefter. Thre personis following to pas togidder ilk Sonday about, to begyn Sonday nixttocum, viz.— [Visitouris appointit.]

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[1] Omitted. [2] *Proreat* in MS.

[3] *Cach*, or *caiche*, a game at hand ball resembling tennis. *Cachpellis*, the places where it was played.

1 Mr. Jhone Robertsoun
Mr. Dauid Russell, Dane of Gild
Martine Lummisdane.

2 Thomas Lentroun, bailye
William Zuill
Thomas Diksoun.

3 Mr. William Russell, bailye
Mr. Jhone Scott
Thomas Fentoun.

4 Patrik Gutherie
Mr. Thomas Broun
Jhone Budge.

5 Mr. Dauid Auchmowty
William Mwffett
Charlis Watsoun.

6 Williame Lermonth, bailye
Dauid Guidlaid
Dauid Dalgles.

7 Dauid Watsoun
Jhone Martine, mercheand
Thomas Lundy.

8 Mr. Williame Cok
Thomas Rekie
Walter Ramsay.

9 Alexander Wynsister
Robert Williamsoun
Androw Wrycht.

10 Duncane Balfour
Jhone Hagy
Alane Budge.

Die Mercurii, penultimo Aprilis, 1590.

Pentland.

The quhilk day, Cathrine Pentland being warnit to this day the thrid tyme, to ansuer to the dilatioun, &c., under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun, conperit Mr. Patrik Orm, and desyrit delay to Cathrin quhill Dauid Orm his brutheris barn, to quhome sche is *nutrix* suld be haill, quha is now seikle; and than promist to caus hir satisfie for hir offence. The session being advisit ordanit ane plege to be deliverit for Catherin, that sche suld satisfie quhen the barn is weill, at the lest betuix this and Witsonday; and the plege to be gevin betuix this and Satterday, utherwis to proceid aganis hir to publict admonitioun.

Lermonth, Nyde.

The quhilk day, Jonet Lermonth, Lady Nyde, being summond personale to this day, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin aganis hir, for the secund tyme under [pane of][1] public

[1] Omitted.

admonitioun; the session, upon gude consideratioun and motivis, continewis the samyn to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, becaus Jonet Watson, being warnit to this day to ansuer quhy sche enteris nocht in presson for hir offence, and that for the secund charge, as wes verefiit be the officiar, conperit nocht; thairfor sche is ordanit to be chargit thairto for the thrid tyme, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun. Jonet Watson.

The quhilk day, Elene Huntar, being warnit to this day for the thrid tyme to ansuer to the dilatioun under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun, conperit nocht. It wes allegit for the said Elene that sche hed impediment in hir leggis and micht nocht travell. Thairfor the sessioun ordanit Mr. Dauid[2] Russell, Mr. Jhone Scott, and Thomas Wod redar, to pas and vesy hir diseas, and to report the trouth to the sessioun this day aucht dayis; and thairfor continewit publict admonitioun quhill the said day. Huntar, *rij.*

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Bawdy, quha grantis carnall copulatioun and the barn gottin be him with Margret Bawn. He is ordanit to pay xxvj s. viijd. for his impressonment, and to enter to the stuill of repentance Sonday nixttocum.—Bawdy hes satisfeit. *Confessio* Bawdy, Bawin.

The quhilk day Mr. Dauid Methven grantis he hes gottin ane barrne in fornicatioun with [*blank*] Abircrumy in this citee. He submittis him self to discipline and is ordanit to satisfe for his offence conforme to the ordour. *Confessio Magistri Dauidis Methven.*

The quhilk day, becaus William Arthour of Carnis and Issobell Strang, being warnit to this day for the first tyme to ansuer to the dilation gevin in aganis thame of new, conperit nocht, the session ordanit thame to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis, for the secund tyme under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun. Arthour, Strang.

The quhilk day, Cristene Currie grantis hir with barn in fornicatioun to Jhone Annell, quhilk wes gottin in George Dauidsonis hous at Marimes last wes. [It is ordanit][1] to warn Jhone Annell to this day aucht dayis to ansuer to the dilatioun. *Confessio* Currie, Annell.

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[1] Omitted. [2] Interlined over *William* deleted.

Confessio Cuik, Tailzeour.

The quhilk day, Margret Cuik servand to James Lentroun grantis sche hes playit the harlott, and lyin in fornicatioun with Patrik Tailzeour thir tua yeiris bigane. [It is ordanit][1] to warn Patrik Tailzeour and Margret baith to this day aucht dayis.

[Wemys and Wod to report.]

Gavin Wemys of Vnthank and Alexander Wod to report ansuer of thair diligence this day xv dayis.

Citatio Martine.

The quhilk day, James Martine of Lathonis, being warnit to this day for the secund tyme to ansuer to the dilation gevin in aganis him, as wes verefiit be the officiar, conperit nocht. Thairfor the sessioun ordanit James to be warnit agane the thrid tyme personale to this day aucht dayis, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun.

Die Mercurii, vj^to Maii, 1590.

Celebratioun of the communioun.

The quhilk day, the communion is ordanit to be celebratit with Goddis assistance Sunday nixttocum, the tent of Maii instant.

Confessio Strang, Arthour, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Issobell Strang grantis sche hes born ane barn leatle in fornicatioun, within this quarter of ane yeir, to William Arthour of Carnis; and this is the secund barn sche hes born to him. Sche is ordanit to be xv dayis impressonit, and to satisfie conforme to the ordour; and William to be warnit for the thrid tyme to ansuer to the dilatioun, this day aucht dayis, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun.

Accusatio Jonete Lermonth, Domine Nyde.

The quhilk day, conperit Jonet Lermonth, Lady Nyde, as sche that wes laidfulle warnit to this day, and accusit upon the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir, to witt, if sche hes born ane barn sen the deces of umquhill James Forsyth hir spous, ather in fornicatioun insest or adulterie, quhilk is yit on baptizit. The said Jonet ansuerit and planlie denyit the samyn, and said that sche hes nocht born ony barne to na persoun sen hir husbandis deces.

Accusatio Jacobi Martine de Lathonis.

The quhilk day, conperit James Martine of Lathonis, as he that wes laidfulle warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him, viz., that he hes gottin tua barnis in

[1] Omitted.

fornicatioun with tua sindry wemen, the ane callit Issobell Dauidsoun the other Jonet [1] Paty. The said James planlie denyit the dilatioun, and sayis that he nevir gatt ane barn with ony of the saidis personis; and that he nevir knew the said Issobell Dauidsoun, nor yit the said Jonet[1] Paty carnale, all his dayis. The sessioun ordanit to warn the saidis tua wemen, to ansuer to the said dilatioun, this day aucht dayis. *Citatio Paty, Dauidsoun, rij.*

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Russell, Mr. Jhone Scott, and Thomas Wod redar, being appointit this day to declair the inhabilite of Elene Huntar, as thai quha wer ordanit to vesy hir, declaris that thai haif vesiit hir and findis na inhabilite in hir, nor sche may conpeir befoir the session and ansuer to the dilatioun. Thairfor the sessioun ordanit hir to be warnit agane this day aucht dayis, under [pane of] [2] publict admonitioun. Huntar.

The quhilk day, Grissell Carstaris grantis sche hes knawin Alane [*Carstaris* deleted] Swyne carnalie, betuix Zuill and Candilmes last wes. [It is ordanit] [2] to warn Alane to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Carstaris, [Swyne,] *rij.*

The session ordanit to summond Jhone Annell to ansuer to the dilatioun for the secund tyme this day aucht dayis. Annell, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Jonet Mark grantis hir with barn to Androw Murray, quha being present grantis the samyn. Thai ar baith ordanit to satisfe conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Mark, Mwrray.

The quhilk day Elspot Gilruif grantis sche hes born ane barn in fornicatioun to Henry Lawder. The session ordanit Elspot to produce testimoniall of ane minister that Henry grantis the barn, becaus he duellis furth of this parrochin, this day xv dayis. *Confessio* Gilruif, Lawder, xv [dayis].

The quhilk day, Alane Robertsoun,[3] for him self and Issobell Roger,[4] his spos, proponit thair action aganis Jhone Leis smyth, conforme to thair bill producit, makand mention that the said Jhone Leis maist ungodly defamit and sklanderit the said [Issobell Roger],[5] sayand oppinle in the hous of Alane Dempstar, drinkand at the tabill, in presens of divers honest *Petitio* Robertson, *rij.*

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[1] Interlined over *Issobell* deleted. [2] Omitted.

[3] Interlined over *Henderson* deleted.

[4] *Issobell Roger* has been inserted afterwards, a blank having been left for the name. [5] Blank in MS.

witnes, upon [*blank*] instant, that James Caid wobstar hed carnall daill with the said [Issobell];[1] and thairfor desyrt justice conforme to the said bill. Becaus the said Jhone Leis, being laidfulle warnit to this day, conperit nocht, the session ordanit Alane Robertson to pref his bill, quha instantle producit James Fullerton witnes, ressavit suorn and admittit, na thing opponit, quha being examinat deponit the bill trew. The session ordanit Alane to warn the remanent of his witnes, for probatioun of his bill, this day aucht dayis; the party to be warnit thairto.

Die xiij° Maii, anno lxxxx°.

Huntar to be publicle[2] summond.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Elene Huntar to be publicle[2] summond Sonday nixttocum, under [pane of][3] censouris of the kirk, becaus sche hes oftimes bein[4] warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun, under [pane of][3] publict admonition, and conperit nocht.

Arthour to be publicle[2] summond.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit William Arthour of Carnis to be publicle[2] summond Sonday nixttocum; becaus he hes bein oftimes chargit to conpeir befoir the session and conperit nocht.

Swyne.

The quhilk day Alane Swyne grantis carnall copulatioun with Grissell Carstaris. He is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

Annell.

To warn Jhone Annell the thrid tyme under [pane of][3] publict admonitioun.

Tailzeour.

To warn Patrik Tailzeour the secund tyme under [pane of][3] public admonitioun.

Die xx° Maii, anno lxxxx°.

Gilruif, Lawder.

The quhilk day, Elspot Gilruif producis ane testimoniall, subscrivit be Henry Lawder, grantand the barn quhilk Elspot hes born to be his. The minister affermit that Henry conperit befoir him and verefiit the samyn. The said Elspot desyrt

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[1] Blank in MS.
[2] *Publile* in MS.
[3] Omitted.
[4] *Being* in MS.

the barn to be baptizit, and offerrit hir self to satisfie conforme to the ordour. The session, in respect of the premissis, ordanit Elspot to pay xxvj s. viij d., in part of pament of the Act for hir impressoment, and to humill hir self on the stuill of repentance Sonday nixttocum, and thairefter to bapteis the barn; and Henry also to satisfie.

Jane Monipenny.

The session ordanit Jane Monipenny to be warnit to conpeir befoir thame this day aucht dayis, to ressaif hir injunctionis and directioun to satisfe for hir fornicatioun; becaus thai ar informit sche is in Kynkell, and this for the first tyme under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun.

Citatio Huntar, Lentroun, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar producit ane summondis, dewle execut and indorsat be him aganis Elene Huntar, for the first publict admonition, under [pane of][1] censouris of the kirk. Conperit William Huntar hir father, and allegit that he and utheris frendis ar in gude hope that Alane Lentron hir spous and sche ar to be reconcelit; and thairfor desyrit continewatioun of all forder publict summondis aganis hir, in hope of reconciliatioun. The session, nocht willing to be suddane to fulminat excommunication aganis ony person, if thai culd be brocht utherwyis to repentance and humiliatioun, at the ernest suit of William Huntar, continewis the publict citatioun Sonday nixttocum to Sonday cum aucht dayis, in hop the said Elene sall conpeir this day aucht dayis befor thame, conforme to the summondis; quhilk if sche fallye, the nixt publict citatioun to proceid Sunday cum aucht dayis but forder delay.

Dauidsoun, Paty, Martine.

The quhilk day, Alane Robertson[2] officiar verefiit that he hed warnit Issobell Dauidsoun in Lathonis at hir duelling place thair, and Issobell Patiy thair, personalie, the first tyme under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun. And becaus thai conperit nocht this day, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis thame, the session ordanis thame to be warnit agane the secund tyme, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun, and Dauidsoun personale.

Tailzeour, Cuik.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar verefiit that Patrik Tailzeour wes warnit to this day personale, for the secund tyme under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun; and, becaus he conperis nocht,

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[1] Omitted. [2] Interlined over *Androw Sellar* deleted.

he is ordanit to be summond the thrid tyme, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun.

Confessio Annell, Currie.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Annell, quha grantis that he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Cristene Currie, and ane uther befoir with [*blank*]. He is ordanit to pay xl s. in part [of pament][1] of the Act, and to sitt thre sindry Sondayis on the stuill, &c.

Die xxvij° Maii, anno lxxxx°.

Ironis to the takynnis of communioun.

The quhilk day, Patrik Gutherie, at command of the sessioun, hes maid the ironis for streking of the takynnis to the communioun, and hes ressavit fra the sessioun for his panis xl s.

Dauidsoun, Paty, Martine.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Issobell Dauidson and Issobell Paty to be warnit the thrid tyme under publict admonitioun, becaus thai haif bein tuois warnit befoir and conperit nocht. Androw Sellar officiar verefiit that he hed warnit Issobell Paty personale to this day.

Caid, Dauidson, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Jonet Caid grantis sche is with barn to Jhone Dauidsoun, quhilk wes gottin in fornicatioun in Cristene Stenhousis hous in this citee, aucht dayis eftir Zuill last wes. [It is ordanit][1] to warn Jhone Dauidsoun to this day aucht dayis.

Accusatio[2] Elene Huntar, *rij.*

The quhilk day, conperit Elene Huntar, as sche that wes laidfullie warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir, viz., that sche is ane adultreis and incesteous person, to witt, with Dauid, Erle of Crawfurd, Mr. Alexander Lindesay his bruther; and that sche hes borne ane barne in adultrie to James Lermonth of Balcomy; and that sche hes committit adulterie with Mr. Gilbert Ogiluy, William Huntar, and James Anstroyer fear of that ilk, and diveris utheris. The said dilatioun being red to the said Elene, sche denyit the samyn haill dilation, and every point thairof. Yitt nochttheles the session, to the effect that the great sklander may be removit, quhilk is rissin by the said dilatioun in this congregatioun, hes statut to preif the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis; and hes ordanit Elene, quha is personale in the consall summond to

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[1] Omitted. [2] *Confessio* in MS.

conpeir this day aucht dayis, to object aganis the witnes to be summond for probatioun of the samyn, viz., Mr. Jhone Authinlek, Thomas Wod redar, Mr. Dauid Russell, Mr. Jhone Scott, Bessy Law maidwyffe, Cristene Methven, Issobell Moreis, Jonet Dik, Cathrine Bary, Elene Reid.

The quhilk day, Elene Reid grantis sche hes[1] knawin William Arthour younger carnalie diveris tymes, and speciale in hir motheris hous. William to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Reid.

The quhilk day Patrik Tailzeour[2] grantis the dilatioun trew gevin upon him be Margret Cuik. He is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Tailzeour, Cuik.

Die tertio Junii, anno nonagesimo.

The quhilk day, Alane Robertsoun officiar verefiit that he hed warnit Issobell Paty the thrid tyme to this day personale, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir; and becaus sche conperis nocht to ansuer thairto, the session ordanit hir to be publicle summond thairto Sunday nixttocum, under [pane of][3] censouris of the kirk; and becaus Issobell Dauidson is nocht yit personale apprehendit, the sessioun ordanit the officiar to do diligens to seik hir personall presens, and to summond hir to [ansuer to][3] the said dilatioun. Paty, Dauidson.

The quhilk day being appointit for preveing of the dilatioun gevin in aganis Elene Huntar, the said Elene being warnit heirto this day aucht dayis *apud acta*, sche, being oftimis this day callit, conperit nocht; the session ressavit the[4] witnes under writin, for preifing of the said dilatioun, to witt, Bessy Law, Cristene Methven and Issobell Moreis, quha ar all solemnatle suorn in thair consciences, to spek and declair the trewth sa fer as thai knaw of the said dilatioun, as thai will ansuer to God. And in the first, the said Bessy Law, being examinat upon the dilatioun, deponis in hir conscience sche knawis na thing of the dilatioun, except anent the barn born in adultrie be Helene Huntar to the Laird of Balcomy: deponis the samyn Huntar, Lermonth, *rij.*

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[1] *He* in MS.
[2] Interlined over *Cuik* deleted.
[3] Omitted.
[4] *In* in MS.

trew, for sche deponis that in wyinter lxxxv yeiris, efter Zuill and befoir Candilmes, in ane snawy nycht, in hir bed, in hir awin hous, Cristene Methven, at xij houris at evin or thairby, com to hir, as sche said at command of Elene Huntar, and requestit hir to cum to the said Elene; quha obeit and com to Alane Lentronis hous in this citee, quhair the said Elene wes than in the extremite of hir birth, makand great duill and nois. Sche deponis that sche wes maidwyffe to Elene in the bering of the barn, and immediatle eftir the barn wes born the said Elene desyrit hir to tak away the barn with hir; quha ansuerit, I haif nather womanis milk nor kowis milk to gif it, I can do na thing with the barn: and it wes ane man cheild. Than Elene said, Quhat rak of that? I pray yow for Goddis saik saif my honour, for it is nocht Alane Lentroun my husbandis barn, it is the Laird of Balcomeis barn. And than, that samyn nycht, sche deponis, that sche, at Elenis requeist, tuik the barn with hir to hir hous, and kepit the barn viij dayis and viij nichtis; and that Elene Huntar desyrit hir, ane day at tua houris eftir none, to bring the barn to the Bow Brig[1] besyd this citee, quhilk sche did in deid, and thair George Andersoun servitour to the Laird of Balcomy tuik the barn fra hir, and, as sche understandis, the barn is yit leveand in Balcomy. Cristene Methven witnes, quha wes present with Elene Huntar at the birth with the said Bessy Law, deponis in all thingis conforme to Bessy Law. Jssobell Moreis witnes deponis that sche, being servand to Elene Huntar, wes in the hous that nicht that Alane Lentroun com hame fra the saill, and knokkit at his awin yett in the nicht, to haif gottin in thairat; and that samyn nycht at the saymn tyme, my Lord of Crawfurd wes within the hous, in the bed with Elene Huntar, in the chalmer; and that sche saw my Lord in the bed with Elene. The session ordanit the remanent witnes to be warnit [to be][2] examinat upon the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis, and Elene to be warnit thairto, personale, or at hir duelling place, the said day.

Decretum contra Husband, Lyell.

The quhilk day, Jonet Husband, for hir ungodly sklandering of Elspot Lyall, calling hir, wiche carling, wes decernit, first, to

[1] Now known as the *Shore Bridge*.

[2] Omitted.

ask the said Elspot forgifnes in the consalhous, and syne at the place quhair the sklander wes spokin; and if evir sche wes offencive to the said Elspot in the lyke, in tymes cuming, to mak publict humiliatioun thairfor, and forder at discretion of the majestrattis.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Dangzell and [*blank*] Howie[1] his spous, quha grantis and confessis that thai wer dewlie and laidfulle mariit togidder in the kirk of Kennowy, be umquhill Jhone Symson minister thairat. Dangzell, Howye.

The quhilk day, the session ordanit to summond Jane Monipenny the thrid tyme, to satisfie for hir offence, under [pane of][2] publict admonitioun; becaus sche hes bein tuois summond befoir thairto, and conperit nocht, as wes verefiit be the officiar. Monipenny.

The quhilk day, Alane Robertsoun officiar verefiit that he hed summond Jonet[3] Paty personale to this day, to ansuer to the dilatioun for the thrid tyme; and becaus sche conperis nocht, the sessioun ordanit hir to be publiklie summond thairto, to this day aucht dayis, under [pane of][2] censouris of the kirk; and als to summond James Martine to present hir this day aucht dayis. Paty, Martine.

The quhilk day, becaus Jhone Leis hes bein oft and diveris tymes warnit to haif conperit befoir the sessioun, to haif ansuerit in the actioun of sklander movit aganis him be Alane Robertson and Issobell Roger his spous, [and][2] conperis nocht, thairfor the sessioun ordanit him to be publicle[4] summond thairto Sonday nixttocum. Leis, Robertsoun.

Die xxiiij^to^ Junii, 1590.

The quhilk day, Williame Arthour younger grantis that he hes knawin Elene Reid carnalie, and thairfor he is ordanit to *Confessio* Reid, Arthour.

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[1] On the 9th of October 1589, the Presbytery ordained 'Mr. Androw Moncreiff [of Kilconquhar] to summund Jhon Danzell and Helen Howy to compeir befoir the Presbitrie of Sanctandrois, the xvj of this instant;' and on the 16th they referred 'the summunding of Helen Howy to the sessioun of the toun of Sancta[ndrois], becaus sche makis hir residence within the said parochin' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

[2] Omitted.

[3] Interlined over *Issobell* deleted.

[4] *Publile* in MS.

satisfie conforme to the ordour, and to summond Reid to this day aucht dayis.

Martine. *Citatio.*

The session ordanit James Martine of Lathonis to be summond to gif his declaratioun quhair Jonet Paty is, and to caus hir conpeir befoir thame this day aucht dayis, under [pane of][1] publict admonition.

Huntar, Lermonth.

The quhilk day, being appointit for preving of the dilatioun gevin in aganis Elene Huntar for the secund day of probatioun, conperit Mr. Dauid Russell witnes, quha, being suorn, deponis conforme to Thomas Wod and Mr. Jhone Scott witnes, to witt, that he, being send be the session with the saidis Thomas and Mr. Jhone to the said Elene, to vesy hir in hir diseas, to desyre hir to cum to the session to ansuer, quhen thai com to Elene in hir awin duelling hous in this citee, thai hard the said Elene confes na thing of the dilatioun in speciall, bot sche said it wes nocht all trew that wes said of hir, bot sche repentit hir sair of the offences sche hed done to God and hir husband. The said Mr. Jhone Scott is conforme to Mr. Dauid Russell. And the said Thomas Wod deponis that he wes ane uther tyme in Elenis hous, hir mother being thair present, hard the said Elene say, Alais! alalais![2] gar baptise yone barne. And he sperit at hir mother quhat thais wordis menit. [And hir mother ansuerit],[1] This is the thing quhilk sche sayis, Sche hes borne ane barne to the Laird of Balcomy, and sche prayis for Goddis saik to gar baptis the barne. Mr. Jhone Authinlek minister witnes deponis he hard na thing of the dilatioun aganis Elene Huntar, bot that he hard Elene Huntar confes that sche hed defylit hir body with the Laird of Balcomy, in committing adultrie with him; and estemit hir of perfyte understanding tyme of hir confessioun, and that hir mother laid the said confession to hir charge, and that sche confessit the samyn in presens of hir mother, and askit God mercy thairof with teris. The session ordanit to pronunce in this mater this day aucht dayis, the said Elene being warnit to this day at hir duelling place; and ordanit hir to be also of new warnit [to][1] the nixt dyat in this caus, personale, or at hir duelling place.

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[1] Omitted. [2] *Sic.*

Die viij° Julii, 1590.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar verefiit that he hed summond James Martine of Lathonis at his duelling place to this day, to haif presentit Jonet Paty befoir the sessioun to ansuer to the dilatioun; and becaus James conperit nocht, the sessioun ordanit him to [be][1] summond agane to this day aucht dayis, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun. Martine.

The quhilk day Maister George Leslie grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Margret Geddy in this citee. Thairfor he is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Leslie, Geddy.

The quhilk day, the sessioun continewit the advisment of the proces of Elene Huntar and pronunciatioun of decrete thairin quhill this day aucht dayis, that the sessioun be mair fullie convenit. Huntar, Lermonth.

The quhilk day Cathrine Robertsoun grantis sche hes born ane barn in fornicatioun to James Buill. Sche is ordanit to satisfe. James hes ellis satisfeit thairfor. *Confessio* Robertson, Buill.

Die xv^to Julii, 1590.

The quhilk day, Mirrabill Mwdy grantis sche is with barn gottin in fornicatioun to George Lummisdane, gottin [in][1] the said George awin buith. The sessioun ordanit George to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun, and Mirrabill to satisfie conforme to the ordour, quhen George cummis hame fra the saill. *Confessio* Mwdy, Lummisdane.

The quhilk day the sessioun hes payit to Patrik Gutherie, for twa thowsand taiknis[2] to the communion, ten merkis: and als for ane new towall to the bassing, tyme of the sacrament of baptisme, xx s. Patrik Guthere. Takynnis to the communioun.

The quhilk day, it is concludit that the land communion be celebratit, God willing, Sonday nixttocum the xix of Julii instant. Communion [to be] celebratit.

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[1] Omitted.

[2] It was of a period very shortly after this that Calderwood said that more than three thousand people partook of the Lord's Supper in St. Andrews (*Epistolæ Philadelphi Vindiciae* appended to *Altare Damascenum*, 1623, p. 65).

Citatioun of the landwart parrochenaris for ordour of beggaris and utheris.

The quhilk day, the haill gentill men and utheris discrete men upon land being warnit to this day be the minister publikle in the pulpeit, and be speciall missivis, to conpeir in the session this day, to gif thair gud advis and consall to sic thingis as suld tend to the glorie of God and weill of the hoill congregatioun; of the quhilkis conperit Jhone Meluill of Raith, Androw Wod of Straythwethy, Mr. Jhone Aytoun of Kynnaldy, George Ramsay of Langraw, Martine Carstrophein portioner of Byrehillis, Mr. Alexander Jarden of Smyddy Gren, Gavin Wemys of Vnthank, William Kynnynmonth in Baldynny. Quhilkis gentill men and parrochenaris up on land, with the bailyeis and Dane of Gild of this citee for the town, and session present, hes all with ane voce aggret, that support may be presentle and with all diligens gevin to Mr. Jhone Authinlek, follow laborar in the ministrie with Mr. Robert Wilke ordinar minister of this congregatioun, for the said Mr. Jhonis panis takin and to be takin in the said cuir, quhill the nixt generall platt, that ordinar stipend may be procurit be the haill congregatioun to him at the said platt. And the personis befoir spetiale nemmit hes instantle deliverit, to Charlis Watson scribe, thair awin present support, to be gevin to the said Mr. Jhone. And it is concludit that the haill rest of the gentill men and parrochenaris upon land, quhais names ar spetiale gevin up in bill, salbe publiclie warnit in the kirk Sonday nixtocum, and speciall missivis send to thame, to conpeir this day aucht dayis, to the effect foirsaid. And forder it is concludit, with commoun consent foirsaid, that ordour be takin for the haill puir within the parrochin, baith land and burth, to witt, the Provest and bailyeis to tak up the haill puir folkis names within the town, and the said gentill men present takand the burding on thame for the haill land wart to tak up the haill puir folkis names up on land; and to produce all thair names, alsueill burth as land, in the session Twisday cum aucht dayis, that ordour may be takin with the puir conforme to the Act of Parliament;[1] and, to this

[1] This was the Act passed on the 10th of November 1579, and which substituted the Provost and bailies in each burgh for the elders and deacons, who, according to the similar Act of the 5th March 1574-5, were to take inquisition

effect, that publict intimatioun heirof be maid in the pulpeit be the minister, Sonday nixttocum and Sonday cum aucht dayis, and be the Provest and bailyeis Mononday nixttocum and Mononday cum aucht dayis, be publict proclamatioun at the mercat croce of this citee. And als ressoning being for support and reparatioun of the kirk for the parrochenaris upon land, the minister hes takin the burding on him, ather to bring hame the letter lyand in Peter Ewattis hand writar in Edinburth, for ansuering of the taxt the parrochenaris ar stent to, or to reas new letteris him self to that effect, at his nixt being in Edinburth at the Generall Assemblie: and als at the nixt day of the convening, commissioneris to be chosin to pas to the generall platt, for procuring of ane stipend to Mr. Jhone Authinlek.

Die xxij° Julii, 1590.

The quhilk day Jhone Hendersoun and Alesoun Perie grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Hendersoun, Perie.

The quhilk day Cristene Lessellis grantis hir to be with barn to William Fortoun servitour to James Wod. Cristene is ordanit to satisfie and the said William Fortoun to be warnit to this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Lessellis, Fortoun.

The quhilk day, Mirrabill Mwdy grantis sche is with barn to George Lummisdane, quhilk wes gottin in his awin buith. [It is ordanit][1] to warn George, quhen God sendis him hame fra the saill, to ansuer to the dilatioun, and Mirrabill also to verefy the samyn. *Confessio* Mwdy, Lummisdane.

Die xxix° Julii, 1590.

The quhilk day Thomas Smyddy and Margret Richeartsoun grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Smyddy, Richeartson.

The quhilk day Jhone Rob and Effe Howye grantis thai *Confessio* Rob, Howye.

of all aged poor impotent and decayed persons, to register their names in a book, and provide for their relief (*Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, iii. 86-89, 139-142).

[1] Omitted.

haif gottin ane barne in fornicatioun. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

Confessio Scheves, Dalgles.

The quhilk [day][1] Jhone Scheves and Margret Dalgles grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

Die xix° Augusti, 1590.

Citatio Rekie, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Elspott Rekie, being warnit to this day to declair with quhome sche hes gottin the barn in fornicatioun, conperit nocht; thairfor the sessioun ordanit hir to be warnit agane the secund tyme, to ansuer to the said dilatioun, this day aucht dayis, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun.

Confessio Carstaris, *rij.* Andersoun.

The quhilk day, Issobell Carstaris grantis hir with barn to Dauid Andersoun, servand to Androw Diplein miller, quhilk wes gottin in Henry Fowlis hous, xv dayis eftir Mertimes last wes. [It is ordanit][1] to warn Dauid to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis, and Issobell warnit thairto *apud acta.*

Lummisdane, *rij.* Mwdy.

The quhilk day, George Lummisdane, being warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin aganis him the xv of Julii last wes be Mirrabill Mudy, conperit nocht. He is ordanit to be warnit thairto the secund tyme, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun.

Fairfull, *rij.*

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Margret Fairfull to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis, to gif declaratioun with quhome sche hes gottin the barn that sche is presentlie with, becaus sche wes dewlie warnit thairto to this day and conperit nocht, and that under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun.

Lessellis.

The quhilk day, Cristene Lessellis, being warnit to this day to declair the father of the barn that sche is presentlie with, conperit nocht; thairfor the session ordanit hir to be warnit heirto to this day aucht dayis, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun.

Die xxvj^to Augusti, 1590.

Confessio Rekie, Clerk.

The quhilk day, conperit Elspot Rekie, quha grantis sche

[1] Omitted.

hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun to Androw Clerk, quhilk wes gottin in William Lermonthis galray, about Fastronis evin last wes. Androw is ordanit to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, Margret Sibbald[1] confessis hir with barn to Jhone[2] Patrie, servitour to the relict of Jhone Martine, and that the barn wes gottin about Peace[3] last in ane chalmer of her[4] hous. [It is ordanit][5] to warn Jhone to this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Fairfull, Patrie, Sibbald.

The quhilk day, Dauid Andersoun confessis the fornicatioun allegit with Issobell Carstaris, and that the samyn wes under promis of mariage. He is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Andersoun, Carstaris.

The quhilk day George Lummisdane grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Mirrabill Mwdy as wes delatit. He hes satisfeit xl s. in part of pament of the Act, and is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour publiclie. *Confessio* Lummisdane, Mwdy.

Die secundo mensis Septembris, 1590.

The quhilk [day],[5] Beatrix Clapen being delatit to the session that sche[6] hes knawin carnalie Thomas Dalzell, Archibald Drummond, [*blank*] Narne tailzeour, and William Balfour, as the dilatioun at mair lenth beris, the said Beatrix conperit; and being accusit upon every heid of the said dilatioun in particular, be the minister, in presens of the sessioun, and thretnit with the jugementis of God if sche declarit nocht the treuth, sche planlie denyit the haill dilationis, as hir deposition at mair lenth beris. *Dilatio* Clapen.

Die viij° Septembris, 1590.

The quhilk day, Jonet Brentoun, being delatit to the sessioun to be with barn, wes warnit to this day; and becaus sche conperit nocht, the session ordanit hir to be warnit agane *Citatio* Brentoun.

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[1] Interlined over *Fairfull* deleted.
[2] *Jhone Jhone* in MS.
[3] Perhaps *Peice*.
[4] *Hor* in MS.
[5] Omitted.
[6] *That sche that sche* in MS.

to this day aucht dayis, for the secund tyme, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun.

Stevinson.

Margret Stevinsoun, servitour to Mr. Patrik Adamsoun, delatit to be with barn, and to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

Confessio Mowat, Fynny.

The quhilk day, Henry Mowatt and Cathrine Fynny grantis that thai haif bein togidder in cumpanie carnalie, thir xiiij yeiris immediatlie bigane, and that sche hes born to him sex barnis in fornicatioun; and that thai haif remanit thir tua on mariit in St. Androus, and hes born tua barnis thair. The sessioun ordanit thame to separat thame selfis fra this tyme furth fra utheris cumpane, and to mak publict humiliatioun for thair offence and sklander on Sonday nixttocum.

Die xvj mensis Septembris, anno lxxxx°.

Confessio Patrie, Sibbald.

The quhilk day Jhone Patrie grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Margret Sibbald. He is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

Citatio Clerk, Rekye.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar verefiit that he hed warnit Androw Clerk to this day, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin be Elspot Rekie aganis him; and becaus the said Androw conperis nocht, the session ordanit him to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun.

Day appointit to the nominatioun of ane minister, *viij°.* Wilkie.

The quhilk day, Maister Robert Wilkie minister declarit to the session that he wes appointit to the Maister Principallis place of St. Leonardis College;[2] and that he thairfor hed alreddy

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[1] Omitted.

[2] The congregation seems to have been perfectly satisfied with Wilkie, for, on the 10th of September 1590, there appeared before the Presbytery 'Mr. William Cok and Chairlis Watsoun, commissioneris direct fra the toun of Sanctandrois, quho reportit faithfullie that thai hed na thing to say aganis the doctrin lyfe or disciplin of thair minister' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). On the 15th of October the Presbytery 'ordanis lettres to be direct to Mris. James Robertsoun, James Nicolsoun, Patryk Galloway, and William Rynd, to be present with the Presbitrie of Sanctandrois, concerning the transportatioun of Mr. Robert Wilkie, according to the Act of the Generall Assemblie;' on the 22d, 'the brethering of the Presbitrie, with the commissioneris jonit with [them], ratefeis the Act of the Generall Assemblie maid for the transportatioun of Mr. Robert Wilkie fra the ministrie of Sanctandrois to the Principalitie of St. Leonardis Colledge—suspendis onlie upon the provisioun of ane minister to the

declarit the samyn to the consall of the town, and thairfor he micht na langer awat upon the office of the ministre of St. Androus; and in that respect willit the town, sessioun, and haill congregatioun, to provide for ane uther ordinar minister in his place to this congregatioun, and he suld concur and assist with thame at his power to the electioun of the samyn. The sessioun thairfor hes appointit this day aucht dayis, to adverteis the maist speciallis baith of the Universite, town, and upon land, to be present at ten houris to the nominatioun of ane uther minister in the communion ile.

Die ultimo menssis Septembris, 1590.

The quhilk day, Jonet Brentoun grantis hir with barn to Jhone Bron, sone to umquhill Triolous Broun, in Perth, quhilk sche grantis wes gottin sex owkis befoir Lammes last wes, in hir awin hous in this citee. Jonet oblisis hir to do diligens to caus Mr. Jhone conpeir this day aucht dayis to ansuer to the dilatioun. *Confessio* Brentoun, Brown.

The quhilk day Androw Clerk grantis the dilatioun trew gevin in aganis him be Elspott Rekie. He, being now thryis relappis in fornicatioun, is ordanit to pay vj ℔., in part of pament of the Act for his impressoment, and to sitt thre sindry Sondayis on the penitent stuill. *Confessio* Clerk.

The quhilk day, the barn, gottin in fornicatioun be umquhill Jhone Dauidson on Jonet Caid, is ordanit to be baptizit, at the suit of Jonet Dauidson; becaus it is verefiit that Jhone in his lyftyme grantit the barn to be his barn, sche deliverand ane plege worth ten merkis, that sche sall satisfie quhen sche rysis of cheild bed. Caid, Dauidsoun.

The quhilk day, Alexander Lessellis grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Agnes Buill, quhilk wes gottin *Confessio* Alexander Lessellis Buill.

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congregatioun of Sanctandrois;' and on the 30th of December, 'the Presbitrie, according to the Act of the Generall Assemblie, transportis Mr. Robert Wilkie fra the ministere of the kirk of Sanctandrois to the Provestre of St. Leonardis Colledge' (*Ibid.*). It was not until the 14th of October 1591 that the Presbytery appointed 'Mr. Robert Wilkie, minister of Sanctleonardis College, to teache the Word, minister the sacramentis, and exerceis discipline, within the boundis of his said parochioune, conforme to the ordinance of the Kirk' (*Ibid.*).

in Gregstoun. He is ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour.

Bicartoun. The quhilk day, Elspott Bicarton, being tua sindry tymes befoir warnit to conpeir, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin aganis hir, that sche is ather with ane barn or hes ellis borne ane barne in adultrie by hir husband James Hay mariner, contempteusle disobeyis; now it is ansuerit that sche is lyand seik bedfast. The session ordanit Mr. Jhone Authinlek minister, Mr. William Russell, William Zuill, to vesy hir, if sche be seik or nocht, and to try the trewth on hir, befoir thai proceid to ony forder proces.

Die xxj° mensis Octobris, anno nonagesimo.

Dilatio. The quhilk day it is delatit that thair is ane woman with barn in Henry Moreis tenentis hous in Straythkynnes. The session ordanit Androw Sellar to warn hir to this day aucht dayis.

Brentoun, Broun. The quhilk day, Jonet Breintoun, being warnit to this day of new, to gif hir ansuer anent the conperance of Mr. Jhone Broun, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in be hir aganis him, conperit nocht. The sessioun ordanit hir to be warnit to that effect this day aucht dayis; with certificatioun, if sche failye, to be publicle summond thairto Sunday cum aucht dayis.

Confessio Wyslie, Anstroyer. The quhilk day, Elspott Wyslie grantis hir with barne to Jhone Anstroyer, bruther to the Lady Kinkell, quhilk wes gottin in Kynkell, in the galry chalmer, xij dayis eftir Sengze day last wes. The session ordanit Jhone to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis.

Confessio Bruce, Bell. The quhilk day, Elene Bruce grantis hir with barn to Jhone Bell wobstar, under promis of mariage. The sessioun ordant Jhone to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis.

[Rekie, Gray,] *viijo.* To warne Agnes Rekie, Issobell Gray, to this day aucht dayis.

Clerk. To warne Androw Clerk to obey the ordinances ellis maid aganis him under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun.

The quhilk day, conperit Beatrix Ade, spous to Thomas Masoun sumtyme duelling in Redwellis, quha producit ane

[1] Omitted.

supplicatioun makand mentioun that, quhair sextein yeir sensyne, in the moneth of Aprile or thairby, the said Thomas Masoun and sche wes laidfulle mariit in this kirk of St. Androus, be umquhill Mr. Robert Hammiltoun minister for the tyme; and that thai remanit to gidder in houshald as mariit folkis thaireftir continewale be the space of nyne yeiris; and that the said Thomas, without ony offence done to him be hir, departit fra hir cumpanie, and his now, aganis Godis holy law, mariit with ane uther woman in the towin of Waristoun, within the parrochin of St. Cuthbert, within the sherefdome of Edinburgh; and thairfor desyrit the sessionis testimoniall of hir laidfull mariage, with the said Thomas in this parroche, that sche may seik devoirsment, according to equite and laws and practik of this realme. Quhilk desyre the sessioun tocht ressonabill, and thairfor, it being sufficientle verefiit and provin befoir thame be Hew Frew, Thomas Russell, Jhone Russell in Nether Kenlowy, Thomas Bron in Mwirhoussis, William Russell, James Russell in Falsyde, and Eduard Paty in Kyngask, witnes, ressavit sworn and examinat, that the said Beatrix Ade wes laidfulle mariit with the said Thomas in the place and at the tyme befoir writin; thairfor thai ordain the actentik extract heirof to be deliverit to the said Beatrix to testifie the premissis, and hir laidfull mariage as said is, subscrivit be thair clerk in dew forme.

Testificatioun of the laidfull mariage of Beatrix Ade with Thomas Masoun.

The quhilk day, at the ernest supplicatioun of Issobell Strang, desyring hir to be ressavit to repentance for the barne gotin on hir in fornicatioun be umquhill William Arthour of Carnis, and thaireftir hir barn to be baptizit, the session ordant hir to pay xx s. in part of pament of the Act for hir impressoment, and to sitt tua sindry Sondayis on the stuill of repentance, and thaireftir hir barne to be baptizit.

Ordinance to Issobell Strang, Arthour. Sa.

Die Mercurii, xxviij° Octobris, 1590.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Androw Sellar officiar to warn Androw Clerk the secund tyme to fulfill the ordinance of the kirk, viz., to satisfie for his thryis relappis in fornicatioun under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun.

Citatio Clerk, Rekye.

[1] Omitted.

Paty.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit to warn Jhone Paty to satisfie for his fornicatioun, the first tyme under [pane of][1] publict admonition.—Now he hes payit xiij s. iiij d. in part of pament, and is ordanit to cum to the stuill.

Brentoun, Broun, xxj [dayis].

The quhilk day, Jonet Brenton being warnit to this day, to report testimoniall that Mr. Jhone Bron grantis the dilatioun trew gevin in aganis him be the said Jonet, becaus he duellis in the town of Perth without this congregatioun; the session, yit movit with compassion of hir ernest suit, statut this day xxj dayis to report the samyn, &c.

Wyslie, Anstroyer.

The session ordanit Jhone Anstroyer to be chargit to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in be Elspot Wyslie aganis him, to this day aucht dayis, for the secund tyme under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun.

Confessio Bell, Bruce.

The quhilk day, Jhone Bell wobstar grantis he hes knawin Elene Bruce carnalie, and that sche is with barn to him, under promis of mariage. He is ordanit to satisfie for his fornicatioun conforme to the ordour.

Die quarto mensis Novembris, anno Domini j^m v^c nonagesimo.

Confessio Clapperton, Lentroun.

The quhilk day, conperit Margret Clappartoun, dochter to Androw Clappertoun induellar in Leith, and grantis hir with barn gottin in adulterie with Alane Lentron citiner in this citee, and that the samyn wes gottin at Pasche last wes in hir fatheris hous in Leith; and that it is tuenty dayis sen sche com to this citee, and that sche com with the post to this citee, and ludgeit the first nicht in Jhone Hendersonis hous in the Eist Burn Wynd, and the secund nicht in Alane Lentronis awin hous in this citee, and lay with Alane thair, and knew him carnale; and upon the morn Alane providit hir to remane in Androw Alanis hous in Straythkynnes, quhair sche past, and hes remanit thair continewalie sensyne, quhill Thursday last wes, that sche com to Alanis hous agane in this citee, quhair sche remanit quhill Sonday last wes, that the bailyeis tuik hir furth; and sayis that Alane left Robert Schott hir[2] servand with hir, to bring in to hir hir meat and drink. The session

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[1] Omitted. [2] *Sic.*

hes ordanit Androw Sellar officiar to warn Alane Lentron to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Anstroyer, quha grantis he hes committit fornicatioun with Elspott Wyslie, as is delatit. Thairfor the session ordanit him to satisfie conforme to the ordour of the kirk for his offence, under [pane of][1] publict admonitoun upon Sonday nixttocum, viz., to enter in presson aucht dayis conforme to the ordour, and thairefter to the penitent stuill. *Confessio* Anstroyer.

The quhilk day, Jane Monipenny being warnit to this day at the place of Kinkell, quhair the sessioun is informit sche commounle remanis, to satisfie for hir offence ellis grantit be hir, Alexander Monipenny of Kynkell hir father being present in the session, it wes declarit and intimet to him, that he micht adverteis hir to conpeir upon Sonday cum aucht dayis to the stuill of repentans, and mak humiliatioun for hir offence conforme to the ordour; with certificatioun to hir, and sche failye, sche suld be publiclie summond thairto the said day but forder delay. Monipenny, Jameson.

The quhilk day, Jhone Cristie, Dauid Gulen, James Paty, Thomas Pentland, Dauid Wilson, burne ledderis,[2] being warnit to this day, conperit and ar accusit for breking of the Sabboth, and leading of burn thairon, and convict; and admonisit nocht to do the lyke in tymes cuming, under pane of censouris of the kirk. Accusatioun of the burne-ledderis. Admonisit.

Die Mercurii, xj° Novembris, anno lxxxx°.

The quhilk day being appointit to elect ane ordinar pastor to this congregatioun, in respect that Mr. Robert Wilkie last minister thairof hed dimittit the samyn, and he wes providit be the advis of the Generall Kirk to the Principalls place of St. Leonardis College; the maist speciallis of the haill parrochin, alsueill to land as burth, being convenit, eftir ernest incalling upon the holy name of God, electit and chusit, all with ane voce, without discrepans or variance, Mr. Dauid Blak,[3] quha Electioun and acceptatioun of Maister Dauid Blak minister.

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[1] Omitted. [2] Water-carriers.

[3] On the 22d of October 1590, 'Mr. Robert Wilkie, according to the Act of the Generall Assemblie, reportit that he hed consultit with the congregatioun of

wes specialie recommendit to thame be the Generall Kirk, pastour and minister to this congregatioun; quha, eftir lang advisment and ernest prayar and meditatioun with his God, acceptit the said office in and upon him, and hes promist, with the assistance of Goddis Holy Spirit, to entir to the said office and function betuix this and the first day of Januar nixttocum.

Lentroun, Clappertoun.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verifiit that he hed diveris tymes warnit Alane Lentron to conpeir befoir thame, to ansuer to the dilatioun of Margret Clappertoun aganis him, and last to this day, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun; declaris that the said Alane, being personale warnit to this day, ansuerit that he wald nocht conpeir befoir the session in the consalhous, bot in ony uther place he wald ansuer to ony uther person particular of the session, that thai wald lay to his charge, &c. The session hes ordanit him yit as befoir to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, without forder delay, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun.

Confessio Gray, Martine.

The quhilk day, Elspott Gray grantis sche is with barn to James Martine marrinell[2] in Dunde, quhilk wes gottin in Thomas Scottis hous in St. Androus, at the Sengze day last wes; and that sche buir ane barn befoir in fornicatioun to Henry Liddell, and hes nocht yit satisfeit for the samyn. And thairfor sche is ordanit to satisfie for baith the faltis conforme to the ordour, and to suit the said James Martine, that he may conpeir and confess and satisfe for the samyn.

Die Mercurii, decimo octavo mensis Novembris, 1590.

Monipenny.

The quhilk day, being appointit to Alexander Monipenny of Kynkell to conpeir, and allege gude ressonis and caussis quhy

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Sanctandrois; and the said congregatioun in ane voice hes condiscendit to ressave Mr. Dauid Blak to be thair minister, and hes delt with the said Mr. Dauid to that effect' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). James Melville says that 'Mr. David Blak, a man mightie in doctrine, and of singular fidelitie and diligence in the ministerie, haid, be the cairfull procurment of my uncle at the Generall Assemblie, bein apointed minister of St. Androis, Mr. Robert Wilkie taking him to a part thairof within the Collage of St. Lenords, as maist aggrieable with his naturall and giftes' (Melville's *Diary*, p. 293).

[1] Omitted. [2] Mariner.

his dochter Jane Monipenny suld nocht mak publict humiliatoun for fornicatioun committit with Alexander Jamesoun, the said Alexander conperit; quha being hard, and na ressonabill caussis allegit nor producit be him, the sessioun, yit as of befoir, ordanit the said Jane to conpeir Sonday nixttocum to the penitent stuill and satisfie for hir said offence, or ellis publict summondis to be execut that samyn day aganis hir to that effect, under [pane of][1] censouris of the kirk.

Confessio Lentron, Clappertoun.

The quhilk day, conperit Alane Lentron, quha being accusit upon the dilatioun of adulterie gevin in aganis him be Margret Clappertoun, allegeand hir to be with barn to him in adulterie, conforme to the act the ferd of November instant; the said Alane denyit the dilatioun *simpliciter* in all heidis thairof, bot he grantis that he causat [*blank*], spous to Androw Alane in Straythkynnes, convoy Margret Clapperton fra this citee to the said Androwis hous in Strathkynnes, and that he promist to pay Margretis buird thair for xv dayis: alwyis, if Margret Clapperton will in his presens avoy[2] the dilatioun, he will confes the samyn and satisfie thairfor.

Confessio Lentron, Bicartoun.

The quhilk day, anent the bill of complant gevin in be James Hay mariner upon Alane Lentron, makand mentioun that the said Alane hes gottin ane barn in aduiltrie with Elspott Bicarton his spous, with the quhilk barn the said Elspot is yit on deliverit,[3] as the said bill at mair lenth proportis; conperit the said Alane Lentroun as he that wes warnit to this day to that effect, and grantit that he hes knawin the said Elspott carnale in adultrie aganis Goddis law; bot sayis the barne quhilk Elspot is with is nocht his barne, bot allegis and sayis that Mr. Thomas Scott is the said barnis father, and offerris him to preif the samyn sufficientlie, and in takin thairof sayis that the said Mr. Thomas Scott geif ane mark of silver to Jonet Carstaris to gif Elspot Bicarton, to the effect Elspot micht gif the samyn to ane wyffe in Pursk, to mak ane drink to Elspot to putt down the barne. And Elspott and Alane, being baith confrontit, aggreis that thai haif knawin uther carnalie in Alanis hous in this citee, at the thrid day of Junii

Dilatio Magistri Thome Scott.

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[1] Omitted.

[2] Avow.

[3] *Deliver* in MS.

last wes. And Elspot denyis the said Alanis dilatioun gevin aganis hir anent Mr. Thomas Scott, and sayis sche nevir knew Mr. Thomas carnale. The sessioun ordanit Mr. Thomas Scott to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilatioun, the said Alane and Elspott warnit heirto *apud acta*; and decernit the said Alane and Elspot to satisfie for thair adulterie conforme to the ordour.

Anstroyer, Wyslie.

The quhilk day, Jhone Anstroyer conperit and submittis him self to discipline, and to pay xx s. in part of pament of the Act of Parliament for his impressoment, and to cum to the stuill of repentance Sonday nixttocum.

Confessio Thomson, Gorthy.

The quhilk day conperit Margret Thomson quha grantis hir with barn to James Gorthy. The said James present grantis the samyn. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour for thair offence.

Confessio Walker, Lyell.

The quhilk day Cristene Walker grantis hir with barne to William Lyell. The said William present grantis the samyn. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie for thair fornicatioun conforme to the ordour.

Brentoun, xv [dayis].

The quhilk day the productioun of testimoniall be Jonet Brentoun is continewit to this [day][1] xv dayis.

Die Mercurii, xxv^to^ Novembris, 1590.

Gorthy.

The quhilk day, it is concludit that James Gorthy pay xlvj s. viij d., to the xx s ellis payit for impressoment, for his fornicatioun with Margret Thomsoun: to charge him thair for.

Missivis to Balcomy, Jnglis, Carstrophein.

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes ordanit ane missive to be send to the Laird of Balcomy to conpeir befoir thame, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him of adultery with Elene Huntar; and ane uther to Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum; and the thrid to Mr. Martine Carstrophein; to gif thair advis how the sklander in thair personis of fornicatioun may be removit for thair nocht making publict humiliatioun for the samyn.

Arthour, Reid.

The quhilk day, Williame Arthour younger conperit befoir the sessioun, and offerit him willing to satisfie for fornicatioun

[1] Omitted.

with Elene Reid, and hes instantle payit to the box of the puir lvj s. for his impressoment, in part of pament of the Act.

Die secundo mensis Decembris, 1590.

The quhilk day, Elspott Farlie grantis hir with barn to William Ramsay in fornicatioun, quhilk wes gottin in hir awin hous in this citee, ane moneth befoir Lammes last wes. The sessioun ordanit William to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis, and Elspott warnit heirto *apud acta*. *Confessio* Farlie, Ramsy.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefiit that he hed chargit Alane Lentron and Elspott Bicartoun, baith personale, to enter to the penitent stuill in sek claith Sonday last wes, under pane of publict admonitioun. And becaus thai haif disobeyit, the sessioun ordanit the officiar to charge thame yit thairto, for the secund tyme Sonday nixttocum, under the said pane. *Citatio* Lentroun, Bicartoun.

Die Mercurii, nono mensis Decembris, 1590.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefiit that he hed chargit Alane Lentron and Elspot Bicartoun adultraris, baith personale, for the secund tyme, to mak humiliatioun in sek claith Sonday last wes, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun. And becaus thai conperit nocht, thairfor the sessioun ordanit Androw Sellar officar to charge thame, yit as of befoir, thairto the thrid tyme, under pane of publict admonitioun, Sonday nixttocum. *Citatio* Lentroun, Bicartoun.

The quhilk day, Cathrine[2] Scrymgeour grantis sche hes born ane madin barne, ane moneth sensyne bigane on Sonday last wes, gottin in adulterie with umquhill Jhone Forrett, bruther to the Laird of fforrett, sche being than, as sche is now, mariit with Patrik Forrett; and declaris that sche nevir knew him carnalie bot anis. The session ordanit hir to satisfie thairfor as ane adultrice; and to returne agane befoir thame and ressaif hir injunctionis, quhen Mr. Dauid Blak minister cummis hame from Edinburgh. *Confessio adulterii* Schrymgeour, Forrett.

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[1] Omitted.

[2] Interlined over *Cristene* deleted.

Confessio Ramsay, Farlie.

The quhilk day, William Ramsay, sone to Walter Ramsy, grantis the dilatioun trew quhilk Elspott Farlie hes gevin in aganis him, and grantis he hes committit fornicatioun with hir. The sessioun ordanit him to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour.—And now William hes payit xx s. in part of pament of the Act, and als to satisfe on Sonday nixttocum on the stuill of repentance.

Die Mercurii, penultimo Decembris,[1] *anno nonagesimo.*

Lentron, Clappartoun.[2]

The quhilk day, the sessioun committis full power to Mr. Robert Wilkie, Mr. Williame Cok, Patrik Gutherie, Dauid Watsoun and Mr. Jhone Scott, or ony tua or thre of thame, to re-examin Alane Lentroun upon the adulterie with Margret Clappartoun, and to caus him be confrontit with Margret thairupon; and quhatevir thai report thairanent to be als sufficient as the samyn hed bein done[3] in the sessoun, and to report ansuer thairof this day aucht dayis.

Huntar, Lermonth.

The quhilk day, the session ordanit Elene Huntar to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to heir decrete gevin aganis hir, to satisfe as ane adultrice, &c., with James Lermonth of Balcomy.

Scrymgeour, Forrett.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Cathrine Scrymgeour to conpeir to morn befoir the Presbittrie, to ressaif injunctionis for adultere with umquhill Jhone Forrett.[4]

Die sexto mensis Januarii, anno lxxxx°.[5]

Confessio Lentroun, Clapperton.

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Robert Wilkie and Mr. William Cok, as thai quha hed commission of the sessioun to ressaif the deposition of Alane Lentron anent his adulterie with Margret Clappertoun, and declarit that thai haif examinat the said Alane, and that he hes grantit that he hes gottin ane barin in adultery with Margret Clappertoun, quhairof sche is leatlie deliverit.[6] The sessioun ordanit the said Alane Lentroun to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ressaif his injunctionis

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[1] *Januarii* in MS.
[2] *Huntar* in MS.
[3] *Do* in MS.
[4] See p. 695, n. 3.
[5] *lxxxix°* in MS.
[6] *Deliver* in MS.

and to ansuer to sic thingis as salbe proponit to him; and also Margret Clappertoun that sche may be apprehendit.

The quhilk day, conperit Elspot Rekie and desyrit hir barn to be baptizit, seing sche hes bein aucht dayis impressonit and hes bein tua sindry tymes on the penitent stuill. The session, in respect sche is thryis relappis in fornicatioun, ordanit hir to be yit xv dayis inpressonit, and anis agane on the stuill of repentans, and thaireftir to baptis hir barn; and also ordanit Androw Clerk hir party to be yit tua sindry tymes on the stuill befoir he be ressavit, and ordanit the said Androw to be chargit thairto under [pane of][1] censouris of the kirk. Rekye, Clerk.

The quhilk day, the session ordanit James Gorthy, Margret Thomson, as thai quha ar leatle delatit in fornicatioun, and Thomas Oliphant, in quhais hous the samyn wes committit, to be all warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to sic thingis as salbe proponit aganis thame. *Dilatio* Gorthy, Thomson, Oliphant.

Die Mercurii, xiij° Januarii, 1590.

The quhilk day, being appointit to all parteis haifand interes to object aganis the nominatioun of elderis and deaconis, and to nominat uthers mair meit and qualifiit, and becaus nane conperis to that effect, the sessioun ordanit the electioun to proceid Fryday nixttocum, conforme to the ordour. And now it is aggreit upon, be the advis of Provest bailyeis and consall of the town, that thair be thre of the Universite, to witt, Mr. Robert Wilkie, Mr. Principall of St. Leonardis College, Mr. James Martine, Provest of the Auld College, and Mr. Jhone Robertsoun, ane of the maisteris of the New College;[2] and als Patrik Dudingstoun, portioner of Kincapill, George Ramsay, of Langraw, and Andro Wod, of Straythwethy, as thre of the landwart parrochin, to be adjunit with the consall of the town, to convein Friday nixttocum in the consal hous, to elect elderis and deaconis in this congregatioun for this yeir in to cum. Electioun of elderis and deaconis to proceid.

The quhilk day, Margret Clappertoun, quha hes borne ane barne in adulterie to Alane Lentron, is ordanit, be the advis Clapperton, Lentroun.

[1] Omitted.

[2] *Collge* in MS.

of Provest bailyeis consall of town and haill sessioun, to depart the boundis of this citee, betuix this and Satterday nixttocum; and, if sche failye, to be brunt on the cheik with ane hott iron.

Rekie. The quhilk day, Elspott Rekie hes payit xx s. to the puir, for releif of the rest of hir impressoment. Sche is ordanit to cum anis to the stuill of repentance and be ressavit, and thaireftir hir barne to be baptizit.

Confessio Lentroun. The quhilk day, Alane Lentroun conperit and confessit carnall daill with Margret Clappertoun, and the barne quhilk sche hes borne to be his. The sessioun hes appointit to him this day aucht dayis, to conpeir and ressaif his injunctionis, that he may satisfie for his offencis, quhilk Alane promist to do.

Die Mercurii, vigesimo Januarii, 1590.

Electioun of elderis and deaconis in 1590.

Maister Dauid Blak minister.

Elderis in the town.

Maister Robert Wilkie, Principall of St. Leonardis College
Mr. Androw Meluill, Principall of the New College
Mr. James Martine, Provest of the Auld College
Mr. Dauid Russell, Dane of Gild
Mr. William Russell, bailye
William Lermonth, bailye
Thomas Lentroun, bailye

	Elderis up on land.[1]
Dauid Watsoun	
Patrik Gutherie	Androw Wod of Straythwethy
Mr. Jhone Scott	Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum
Duncane Balfour	Gavin Wemys of Vnthank
Dauid Guidlaid.	Martine Carstrophein, portioner of Byrehillis.

Deaconis in the town.

Williame Zuill, mercheand
Charlis Watsoun, scribe

[1] As the first of the 'up on land elderis' the scribe has begun to write the name of Patrik Dudingstoun but has stopped short in the middle of the surname.

Jhone Hagy
Thomas Lundy
Thomas Diksoun — Deaconis up on land.
Androw Wrycht — Thomas Carstaris in the Grange
Robert Williamsoun — Jhone Smyth in Balone
Thomas Blak. — Thomas Scheves in Byrehillis.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deaconis befoir writin, being all present except Mr. Androw Meluill and Dauid Guidlaid, hes accepit thair offices in [and][1] upon thame, and ratifiit the haill actis and statutis maid in this buik, and speciale the actis maid the xij of November lxxij yeiris, promising to observe and keip the samyn at thair power. Ratificatioun of the actis and statutis.

The quhilk day, being appointit to Alane Lentron to ressaif injunctionis for adultery committit be him with Margret Clapparton and Elspott Bicartoun, manifestit be procreatioun of tua barnis, [he][1] conperit nocht. Thairfor the sessioun ordanit him to be[2] publiclie summond thairto Sonday nixttocum, under pane of censouris of the kirk.[3] Lentron.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar verefiit that he, as officiar, at command of the sessioun, hed oftimes to diveris diatis warnit Elene Huntar, and specialie to this day, to heir decrete pronuncit aganis hir, for confession of adulterie with James Lermonth of Balcomy; and becaus sche hes nocht conperit to that effect, the session ordanit hir to be publiclie summond to that effect Sonday nixttocum. Huntar.

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[1] Omitted. [2] *To to* in MS.

[3] On the 26th of January, 'Comperit Alan Lentron in Sanctandrois, and confessit the fact of adulterie with Margret Clappertoun; in lyk maneir, Catrein Scrymgeour thair, and confessit adulterie with umquhill John Forrett, brother german to the Laird of Forrett; as also Dauid Forsyth parochiner of Kylconquhar, and confessit adulterie with Marioun Paty: quhilk parties wes ordanit to satisfie the kirk conform to the ordour' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). This John Forrett had given the Presbytery a great deal of trouble. With a servant he lay in wait for three hours for Thomas Douglas, the minister of Balmerino, 'invadit him and drew his bluid.' On the 14th of May 1590, he appeared before the Presbytery and confessed the sin of fornication with Euphame Brydy; but, on being desired to satisfy for his offence to Douglas, he became very contemptuous, and at length cut his glove, and casting down the half of it to Douglas, dared him or any of his kin to take it up and meet him in any place. A pretty full summary of the case will be found in Campbell's *Balmerino*, 1867, pp. 174-177; but none of the extracts from the *Register of the Presbytery* is quoted quite correctly in that book.

Bicarton.

And siclyke to summond Elspott Bicarton publiclie[1] the said day, to conpeir Weddinsday nixttocum, to ressaif hir injunctioun to satisfie for hir adultery with Alane Lentron.

Accusatio Wan, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Jhone Wan cultellar, being accusit for haifing carnall daill with Cristene Walker, denyit the samyn. He is ordant to conpeir this day aucht dayis, to heir his confessioun thairof verefiit and provin.

Confessio Lermonth, Cuik.

The quhilk day, James Lermonth and Mirrabill Cuik, servitouris to James Scheves, being baith present, grantis carnall daill in fornicatioun, and that Mirrabill is with barn to him. The sessioun ordanit thame to satisfie thairfor, conforme to the ordour. Thai grant the barn wes gottin at Lammes last wes, and Mirrabill grantis carnall daill with him within thir xx dayis last.

[The town to be quarterit in tuelf quarteris.]

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the haill sessioun convenit that the town be quarterit in tuelf quarteris, and that ilk elder tak ane quarter, to tak the oversycht thairof, that thai may be instructit in the trew knawlege of God; and that the samyn may be done with gude ordour, the deaconis to tak up the names of the haill personis, young and auld, in the town, ilk ane thair awin quarter.

Die Mercurii, xxviij$_o$ Januarii, 1590.

Huntar, Lermonth.

The quhilk day, in the actioun and caus of adulterie of Elene Huntar, spous to Alane Lentroun, with James Lermonth of Balcomy, as in terme statut to pronunce, the said Elene being present and warnit to this day, the haill session being convenit, the proces being red and advisit; it is fund sufficientle verefiit and provin that the said Elene confessit sche hed borin ane barne man cheild in adulterie, eftir Zuill and befoir Candilmes, in the four scoir fyve yeiris, to the said James Lermonth. And the said Elene, being inquirit of the equite and treuth thairof, denyit the samyn *simpliciter*, and said that sche nevir buir ane barne to ony man bot to Alane Lentron hir husband. Yit the sessioun, nocht willing to be rasche nor sudden in this mater, continewit the pronunciatioun

[1] *Publilie* in MS.

of thair decrete and sentence aganis the said Elene quhill this day aucht dayis; and, in the meanetyme, desyrit the said Elene to call to God ernestle to move hir hart and conscience to declair the treuth, and ordanit hir to conpeir agane befoir thame this day aucht dayis to that effect.

Die Mercurii, tertio Februarii, 1590.

The quhilk day, William Zoung grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Jonet Balfour, quhilk wes gottin in Dauid Bellis hous in Nyde, at Peasche last wes, quhilk wes the first tyme he knew hir, and desyrit the barn to be baptizit. The sessioun ordanit him to caus the woman conpeir with him and mak humiliatioun, and thaireftir his barne to be baptizit. *Confessio* Zoung, Balfour,

The quhilk day, Jonet Duncansoun, servand to Elene Jnglis, grantis sche is with barn to Mr. Dauid Rutherfurd of Bonytoun, gottin in fornicatioun in the said Elenis foir stair, in the day tyme, ane quarter of ane yeir sensyne; and that sche hed last to do with him within this moneth, in the said foir stair. The sessioun ordanit the said Mr. Dauid to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis. Confession Duncansoun, Rutherfurd.

The quhilk day, Alane Lentroun being warnit to this day to ressaif his injunctionis, for the filthie vice of adulterie committit with Elspott Bicarton, spous to James Hay, and with Margret Clappartoun, manifestit be procreatioun of ane barne with ilk ane of the saidis personis; conperit the said Alane, quha wes injunit be the sessioun to enter upon Sonday nixttocum, at the secund bell to sermone befoir none, at the mikill kirk dur of this citee, cled in sek claith, and stand thairat quhill the thrid bell be cessit, and thairefter to sitt on the hichest grie of the penitent stull, quhill the sermon and prayar be endit; and sic lyke to continew ilk Sonday quhill the kirk be satisfeit, under pane of excommunicatioun. Pennenis and injunctionis gevin to Alane Lentroun.

The quhilk day, Cathrine Scrymgeor, spous to Patrik Forrett, being warnit to this day to ressaif hir injunctionis, for the filthie vice of adulterie committit with umquhill Jhone Forrett, manifestit be procreatioun of ane barne to the said umquhill Jhone; conperit the said Cathrine, quha is injunit to conpeir and enter upon Sonday nixttocum, at the secund bell to Pennenis and injunctionis gevin to [*Alan* —deleted] Cathrine Scrymgeour.

sermon efoir none, at the mekill kirk dur of this citee, cled in sec claith, and stand thairat quhill the thrid bell be cessit, and thairefter to sitt on the penitent stull and hichest degre thairof, quhill the sermon and prayer be endit; and safurth to continew ilk Sonday, quhill the kirk be satisfeit, under pane of excommunicatioun.

Decretum adulterii contra Elenam Huntar.

The quhilk day, Elene Huntar, spous to Alane Lentroun, being warnit *apud acta* and als personalie be the officiar to conpeir this day, to gif trew declaratioun of the treuth of the great sklander of the filthy vice of adulterie committit be hir with James Lermonth of Balcomy, and to ressaif hir injunctionis for satisfaction to haif bein maid be hir for the samyn; the said Elene conperit nocht, bot contempteusle disobeyit. Thairfor the session fand—in respect of the proces led and deducit befoir thame, and that it is sufficientle verefiit and provin—that the said Elene hes confessit hir self to haif borne ane man cheild in the moneth of Januar or thairby, in the fourscoir fyve yeiris, in the filthy vice of adulterie, in hir awin duelling hous in this citee, to James Lermonth of Balcomy—decernis and ordanis the said Elene to enter at the mekill kirk dur of this citee, upon Sonday nixttocum, at the secund bell to sermon, cled in sek claith, and stand thairat quhill the thrid bell be cessit; and thaireftir to cum to the hichest gre of the penitent stuill and sitt thairon, cled in sek claith, quhill the sermon and prayer be endit; and safurth to continew ilk Sonday, quhill the kirk be satisfeit, under pane of excommunicatioun; and, if sche failye heirin, that publict summondis be execut aganis hir to that effect, Sonday nixttocum, for the first admonition under the said pane.

[Duncanesoun, Rutherfurd.]

The quhilk day, Jonet Duncanesoun, servitour [to][1] Elene Jnglis, grantis hir with barne to Mr. Dauid Rutherfurd of Bonitoun, quhilk wes gottin in Elene Jnglis foir stair of hir duelling hous, in the day tyme.

Confessio Diksoun, Russell.

The quhilk day, Thomas Diksoun grantis that he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Cristene Russell, quhilk wes gottin in his fatheris hous in this citee, aucht dayis eftir Lammes last wes. It is also understuid to the sessioun that

[1] Omitted.

this is the thrid tyme that he hes fallin in fornicatioun. The sessioun ordanit to warn the said Cristene[1] to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilatioun; and thaireftir to tak ordour in this mater.

Die Mercurii, decimo Februarii, anno nonagesimo.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefiit that he hed warnit William Arthour personale, for the first time, to enter to the stuill of repentance, for fornicatioun committit be him with Elene Reid, and that upon Sonday last wes the sevint of Februar instant. Becaus he conperit nocht, the sessioun ordanit him to be chargit thairto for the secund tyme agane Sonday nixttocum, the xiiij of Februar instant, under [pane of][2] publict admonition. William Arthour.

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Dauid Rutherfurd, grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Jonet Duncane, and that he hes knawin Jonet Duncane carnalie within this moneth last wes. The sessioun ordanit him to satisfie conforme to the ordour. He hes satisfeit xls., in part of pament of the Act. *Confessio* Rutherfuird, Duncane.

The quhilk day, conperit Elene Huntar, as sche that wes laufully and publiclie summond upon Sonday last wes, the sevint of Februar instant, to mak publict humiliatioun for the filthy vice of adultery committit be hir with James Lermonth of Balcomy, manifestit be procreatioun of ane man cheild, conforme to the decrete gevin thairupon aganis hir in this sessioun, the thrid of Februar instant. The said Elene confessit the said crime of adultery, and that sche hes borne ane man cheild in adulterie to the said James Lermonth. Thairfor sche requeistis the minister and haill session to pray for hir, and desyris God to be mercifull to hir, and submittis hir self with all humiliatioun and teris to the will of the kirk, and promissis faithfullie, upon Sonday cum aucht dayis, to enter to the stuill of repentance in sek claith, and satisfe the desyre of the session and thair decrete. *Confessio* Elene Huntar, Lermonth.

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[1] *To be warnit* is superfluously introduced here by the clerk.

[2] Omitted.

Die Mercurii, xvij° Februarii, anno lxxxx°.

Confessio Balfour, Zoung.

The quhilk day Jonet Balfour in Nyde and William Zoung grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun. Thai submit thame selfis to discipline. Thai ar baith ordanit to be impressonit and to satisfie for thair offence, and thaireftir the barn, quhilk is procreat betuix thame, to be baptizit.

Confessio Russell, Diksoun.

The quhilk day, Cristene Russell grantis the dilatioun trew, and that sche is with barn to Thomas Diksoun, and that the samyn wes gottin in his fatheris hous. The sessioun ordanit hir to satisfe thairfor conforme to the ordour.

Confessio Andersoun, Diksoun.

The quhilk day, Cristene Andersoun, servitour to George Pryde, grantis sche hes born ane barne in fornicatioun to Thomas Diksoun. Sche is ordanit to satisfe thairfor conforme to the ordour.

Die Mercurii, xxiiij^to Februarii, anno lxxxx°.

Confessio Lyell, Tailzeour.

The quhilk day, Elspott Lyell grantis hir with barne to umquhill Robert Tailzeour mariner, quhilk wes gottin in Alexander Symsonis yaird in this citee, aucht dayis befoir latter Marie day last wes. The sessoun ordanit hir to be present this day aucht dayis for forder triall.

Personis to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day, it is tocht gude be the sessioun, that ane number of the maist honest and discrete maltmen and marineris be warnit to this day aucht dayis, that ordour may be takin for keping of the Sabboth day and sermon on Weddinsday; as also that Mr. Dauid Russell sett ane gild court, Thurisday nixttocum, and warn the haill gild brether to that effect.

Addition to the elderis upon land.

The quhilk day, it is aggreit upon be the haill sessioun, that Mr. Jhone Ayton, of Kynnaldy, Patrik Dudingston, portioner of Kyncapill, George Ramsay, of Langraw, William Kynnynmonth, in Baldiny, and Alexander Scott, in Strayth-kynnes, be addit to be helparis to the elderis upon land for this present yeir, and thai to be warnit to conpeir to that effect this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, tertio Marcii, anno lxxxx°.

The quhilk day, conperit Patrik Dudingstoun, portioner of

Kyncapill, and accepit [to be ane helpar to][1] the office of ane elder in and upon him. The sessioun ordanit the remanent, that wes new electit [helparis to the][2] elderis, to be warnit to this day aucht dayis for upon land. Acceptatioun of Pa. Dudingston.

The quhilk day, the session, with ane consent, hes addit Mr. Martun Geddy, Alexander Wynsister, William Muffett, [*Dauid Lermonth*—deleted], Dauid Dalgleis, to be helparis to the elderis within this citee, for this present yeir. Addition to the elderis in the town.

The quhilk day, Thomas Diksoun, being thryis relappis in fornicatioun, hes payit iiij ℔. for his impresoment, in part of pament of the Act, and is ordanit to sitt thre sindry Sondayis on the penitent stuill. Diksoun.

Die Mercurii, decimo Marcii, anno 1590.

The quhilk day, the maist part of the haill maltmen, marineris, and cadgers, of this citee, conperand, as thai that wer laidfullie warnit to this day, ar all admonisit be the minister and sessioun, to tak ordour with thame selfis and thair awin famileis, and als to convein the rest of thair vocatioun togidder, that thai all may keip holy the Sabboth day, cum to the prayaris and sermon, and to keip the sermone on Weddinsday, and to abstein from banning and suering, and to do that lyis in thame for amendiment of thair lyffis, that God may be honorit according to his Holy Word. Admonitioun gevin to the maltmen marineris and cadgeris.

And siclyke, Thomas Clochope pyper, Jhone Hagy pyper, and William Williamsoun pyper, ar all admonisit to keip holy the Sabboth day, the sermonis on Sonday and Weddinsday, and nocht to use ony pyping in the nicht tyme in the streitis, nor eftir supper, nor na uther filthy playing, under pane of censouris of the kirk. Admonitioun to the pyperis.

The quhilk day, Mr. Martine Geddy, Alexander Wynsister, William Muffett, and Dauid Dalgleis, being present, hes acceptit in and upon thame to be helperis to the elderis in the town, for this present yeir; and also Mr. Jhone Aytoun of Kynnaldy, and George Ramsay of Langraw, hes acceptit in and upon thame to be helparis to the elderis upon land for this present yeir; and ar solemnatle suorn thairto. Acceptatioun of the elderis addettit of new to be helparis.

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[1] Added in margin. [2] Interlined.

Confessio Alane, Carstairis.

The quhilk day, Margret Alane, servitour to Jonet Dudingstoun in New Grange, grantis hir with barn to Walter Carstairs, quhilk wes gottin in the said Jonetis hall in New Grange, at Mertimes last wes. The session ordanis the said Walter to be warnit, to ansuer to the said dilatioun, this day aucht dayis.

Decretum adulterii Margarete Scott.

The quhilk day, Margret Scott is decernit to satisfie as ane adultrice, for the filthy vice of adulterie confessit be hir with umquhill Duncane Balfour, manifestit be procreatioun of ane child, quhilk is yit on baptizit, and to begyn hir humiliatioun in[1] sek claith Sonday nixttocum; to stand at the kirk dur fra the secund bell to sermon quhill the thrid bell be cessit, and than to enter on the hichest degre of the penitent stuill, and sitt thair quhill the sermon and prayar be endit and benediction gevin; and safurth to continew quhill the kirk be satisfeit; and sche sua begynand hir humiliatioun, the said barne to be baptizit.

Decretum contra Marrabillem Mwdy, Kay.

The quhilk day, it being sufficientlie verefiit and provin befoir the session, that Mirrabill Mwdy maist ungodly hes sklanderit and defamit Issobell Kay, calling hir ane commoun huir. The session thairfor decernit the said Mirrabill, upon Mononday nixttocum, to sitt on the goik stuill of this citee tua houris befoir none, in exempill of utheris nocht to do the lyke in tymes cuming, that God may be glorifiit and this congregatioun purgit of sic vices. And for causing of the said Mirrabill performe the samyn, the session maist ernestle requeistis the majestratis of this citee; and ordanis the said Mirrabill thaireftir to conpeir befoir thame this day aucht dayis, as also the said Issobell Kay, to ressaif forther admonitionis anent the said mater.

Die xvij° Marcii, anno 1590.

Ressaving of Alexander Scott elder.

The quhilk day, Alexander Scott hes acceptit in and upoun him to be ane helpar to the elderis upon land, and is solemnatle suorn thairto.

Lentroun, Huntar.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun, for gude causis and respectis moving thame, that Alane Lentroun sit

[1] *On* in MS.

ane Sonday, and Elene Huntar ane uther, his spous, severale, in sek claith, as adulteraris quhill the kirk be satisfeit.

The quhilk day, the sessioun at the ernest suit of [*Cristene*—deleted] Patrik Forret, spous to Cathrine Skrymgeour, hes ordanit Cathrine to be ressavit to humiliatioun upon Sonday nixttocum, as ane adultrice with umquhill Jhone Forrett, with this conditioun, if evir sche be sklandrous heireftir, sche to satisfie forder as the kirk sall appoint hir. Ressaving of Cathrine Scrymgeour to humiliatioun.

The quhilk day Walter Carstaris grantis the dilatioun trew gevin in be Margret Alane aganis him. He is ordanit to be impressonit and to satisfie conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Carstaris, Alane.

*Die xxiiij^to^ Martii, anno lxxxx^to.^* 1590.

The quhilk day, James Bruce wobstar, in name of Elene Bruce his dochter, and Jhone Bell wobstar, be the tenour heirof, bindis and oblissis thame, and ilk ane of thame, ane quarter of ane yeir about, *respective*, to sustein the barn gottin be the said Jhone Bell upon the said Elene Bruce, ay and quhill the said barne can eit mait with the awin hand alane; and the said James Bruce oblissis him to begyn and sustein the said barin the first quarter fra this day furth, and the said Jhone Bell the nixt quarter, on thair awin expenssis during the tyme foirsaid, to continew as said is. *Obligatio* Bell, Bruce.

Ita est Carolus Watsoun notarius publicus in premissis requisitus per dictum Jacobum Bruce et Joannem Bell manu sua subscribitur.

The quhilk day, William Fortoun grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Cathrine Lessellis, as sche hes delatit. He is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Fortoun, Lessellis.

Die ultimo Martii, anno nonagesimo primo.

The quhilk day, Androw Hagy is chargit personale be the minister to enter to the stuill of repentance in sek claith, Sonday nixttocum, for the filthy slawchter committit be him on Jhone Watt walker within this citee, under pane of publict admonitioun. *Charto*[1] Androw Hagy.

[1] *Sic.*

Brentoun, Broun.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit supplicatioun to be send to the kirkis of Edinburgh and Perth, for triall to be takin with Mr. Jhone Broun of the barne fatherit on him be Jonet Brentoun, and Jonet [to][1] report ansuer thairof agane this day xxj dayis.

Alane, Scott.

The quhilk day, Mr. Androw Alane and Margret Scott, baith present, ar ordanit to conpeir befoir the Presbittre to morn; with certificatioun to Mr. Androw, and he conpeir nocht, he salbe hed *pro confesso* upoun the dilatioun.[2]

Die Mercurii, duodecimo Aprilis, 1591.

Carstaris.

The quhilk day, Walter Carstaris oblissis him to enter in

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[1] Omitted.

[2] '*Aprilis* 14, 1591 . . . Ordanis Maister Androw Alane to compeir befoir the Presbitrie the day aucht dayis' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). He does not seem to have appeared, and for some reason the case was allowed to slumber in the Presbytery for a considerable time. That court had had its attention drawn to him before, for, on the 26th of January 1586-7, it resolved that a letter should be written to the minister of Tranent and Presbytery of Dalkeith, for trial of 'the alledgit sklander rysing agans the Kirk in the persone of Mr. Androw Allane, viz., fornicatione committit in Prestoune and utheris crimes be the said Mr. Androw.' The outcome of this early reference is not quite clear; but in a list of non-residents drawn up by the Presbytery on the 26th of March 1590, among those not deposed, is mentioned 'Mr. Androw Alane vicar of Luicheris.' In November 1593, however, the Presbytery dealt with him, for usurping the office of a reader within the kirk of Leuchars, having been 'deposit in ane Synodall and nocht admittit againe.' He produced another ordinance of Synod, in which he was remitted to the Presbytery of St. Andrews for trial of the slander brought against him. He also produced a supplication from some gentlemen and parishioners of Leuchars, craving the Presbytery to proceed to his trial and to re-admit him. At another meeting he gave in three testimonials, one from the minister and parishioners of Barrie, another from the inhabitants of Dalkeith, Preston, and Prestonpans, and the third from the session of Leuchars. On the 13th of December the 'proces of sklander intendit aganis him befoir the sessioun of Sanctandros' was read before the Presbytery, and it was then determined 'to enter in farder tryall of the said slander.' At the next weekly meeting Margaret Scott appeared, and the delation which she had given in against him to the session being read to her, she 'constantl[ie] affirmit the sam to be of veritie.' Witnesses were examined but nothing was elicited save their ignorance in the matter. On the 10th of January 1593-4, the Presbytery took further time to be advised concerning his re-admission as reader, and ordered him in the meantime 'to be cairfullie employit in teaching the youth;' and on the 4th of September 1600 he is again mentioned as 'Vicar of Leucheris' (*Ibid.*).

presson, and to remane thair, conforme to the ordour, Satterday cum aucht dayis, under pane of pament of xx ℔.

The quhilk day, James Alesoun in Raderny and Grissell Alesoun thair confessis thai haif gottin ane barne in fornicatioun, for quhilk the session ordanit thame to satisfie conforme to the ordour. And as for thair desyre to be contractit, and the [barn][1] baptizit, the session ordanis first satisfaction to be [maid][1] for thair offence, and thaireftir mariage, and the barn to be baptizit. *Confessio* Alesoun.

The quhilk day, Jonet Turubill grantis her with barn to Alexander Paty. The session ordanit Alexander Paty to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Turubil Payty.

Die Mercurii, xxjº Aprilis, 1591.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Dik, quha grantis he hes gottin ane barn, by his wyffe, in adulterie with Elspott Lesselis presentle duelling in the cottoun of Balcomy, quhilk wes gottin in Jhone Halistonis hous in Kingask within[2] this parroche, sen Zuill last wes. He is willing to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour. The session ordanit him to caus the woman conpeir this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilatioun; and in the meantyme the minister to spek the minister of Craill quhair the woman duellis, to caus [hir][1] be obedient and conper. *Confessio adulterii* Dik, Lessellis.

The quhilk day, Agnes Hucheoun and Margret Clerk, being callit and accusit befoir the sessioun, and convict be thair awin confessionis, for singing of bawdry songis, play at durris, dansing and ryning throw the town eftir supper, and under silence of nycht on the Sabboth Day, ar decernit, for the said offence, to conpeir upon Sonday nixttocum eftir sermon, beir heddit, for anent the penitent stuill, befoir non eftir sermone, and thair to craif and ask God mercy and the haill congregatioun forgifness. *Accusatio* Huchoun, Clerk.

The quhilk day, Elene Huntar producit ane humill supplicatioun, and declarit sche is grait with barne and seikle, and may nocht without hurt and danger of hir lyffe assend and sitt on Continewation of Elene Huntar.

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[1] Omitted.

[2] *Sen within* in MS.

the penitent stuill langer, desyring thairfor the session for Goddis saik to pardon hir at this present, and to ressaif hir to the followschip of the congregatioun. The sessioun movit with pite consentis to hir desyre, and remittis hir quhill sche be deliverit[1] of hir birth, and thaireftir sche to be obedient quhen sche salbe requirit.[2]

Die Mercurii, xxviij° Aprilis, 1591.

Martine, Dauidsoun, Paty.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit the actioun anent the dilatioun of James Martine of Lathonis, gevin in aganis him, that he hes gottin tua barnis in fornicatioun, the ane with Jonet Pady and the uther with Issobell Dauidson, to be walknit and proceid quhair it left, in respect that this day thair wes new dilation gevin in befoir the session thairupon. And for suir triall to be takin heirin, thai haif ordainit James Wemis of Lathoker, Jhone Carstaris of Raderny, George Wilsoun, Jhone Blak thair, Dauid Calland, Willian Hucheon in Hashildane, and James Pryde at Lathoker Miln, to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to try quhair the saidis tua wemen ar.

Confessio Bryde, Quhittat.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Bryde and Jonet Quhittatte, quha grantis thai haif gottin ane barne in fornicatioun. Thai ar ordanit to satisfe conforme to the ordour, and Jhone hes instantle payit xl s. in part of pament of the Act of Parliament for his impressoment.

Sellaris fie payit.

The samyn day Androw Sellar hes ressavit xl s. for his yeiris fie last bigane.

Confessio adulterii Dik, Lessellis.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Dik and Elspott Lessellis, quha grantis thai haif committit the filthy vice of adulterie, and craifis God mercy and the session forgifnes thairfor, and desyris thame to be ressavit to humiliatioun. The sessioun ordanit thame to conpeir to morn befoir the Presbittrie, and ressaif thair injunctionis.

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[1] *Deliver* in MS.

[2] '*Aprilis penultimo*, 1591 . . . Ordanis the Laird of Balcomy to compeir befoir the Presbitrie the day aucht for adulterie alledgit committit be him with Elen Hunter in Sanctandrois' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). '*Maii xix*, 1591. The quhilk day comperit James Lermonth of Balcomy for the adulterie alledgit comittit be him with Elen Hunter, and the Presbitrie upon his submissioun referris the said matter to the sessioun of Sanctandrois' (*Ibid.*).

The quhilk day, Margret Stevinsoun grantis that Mr. Dauid Murray begatt ane barne on hir in Mr. Patrik Adamsonis hous in this citee, and that sche past furth of this citee with barne to the Wod-end,[1] quhair Mr. Dauidis father duelt, and buir the barne thair, quhilk is ane man cheild. Sche allegis the barne is baptizit in ane kirk besyde Jnschaifray, bot sche nather knawis the minister that baptizit the barn, nor yit the kirk. The session statut hir to produce testimonial of the baptizing of the barne this day xxj dayis. *Confessio* Stevinsoun, Mwrray.

Upon Sonday, the secund day of Maii, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} four scoir alevin yeiris, Androw Hagy walker citiner in this citee maid publict humiliatioun in sek claith, upon the penitent stuill, in presens of the pepill convenit to sermone befoir none, for the ungodlie slawchter of umquhill Jhone Watt walker within this citee, quha wes ressavit to humiliatioun be Mr. Dauid Blak minister. *Penitentia Andree Hagy.*

Die quinto Maii, 1591.

The quhilk [day],[2] anent the conplant gevin in be James Brog chirurgane, in name of Capitane William Brog his sone, aganis Elizabeth Turubill; the said bill of conplant being red to the said Elizabeth, sche denyit the samyn: thairfor the sessioun ordanit the said James to preif the said bill this day aucht dayis. *Petitio* Brog *contra* Turubill.

The quhilk day, conperit William Arthour of Carnis, quha promist to enter to the stull of repentance Sonday cum aucht dayis, and satisfe for his fornicatioun with Elene Reid without forder delay, under [pane of][2] publict admonitioun. Arthour, Reid.

The quhilk day, Elspot Guidfallow grantis sche hes borne ane madin barne in adulterie[3] to Alane Lentroun, quhilk wes gottin in Robert Williamsonis hous in this citee. The first tyme that sche hed to do with him wes in the said Robertis chalmer, upon ane Weddinsday tyme of sermone, about Witsonday wes tua yeir, and diveris tymes sensyne in Robert Williamsonis[4] seller, and in Alane Lentronis awin hous on the *Confessio* Guidfallo, Lentroun.

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[1] Probably the Woodend in the parish of Madderty, or that in the neighbouring parish of Trinity Gask.

[2] Omitted.

[3] *Aduterie* in MS.

[4] *Wm.* in MS.

Huichiheid; and that the barne wes gottin as sche allegis at Witsonday last wes; and that hir barn wes born ten owkis sensyne. The sessioun ordant Alane to be warnit this day aucht dayis to ansuer to the dilatioun.

Confessio Hagy, Bowar.

The quhilk day, Jonet Hagy, *nutrix* to Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum, grantis hir to haif gottin and born ane barn in fornicatioun to Jhone Bowar in this citee. Jhone now duellis in Craill. The sessioun ordanit the minister to speik Mr. Henry Leiche, minister of Craill, to[1] caus Jhone conpeir and satisfe this kirk for his offence;[2] and in the meine tyme Jonet to pay xl s. for part of pament of the Act, and to satisfie the kirk Sonday nixttocum on the penitent stuill; and Jhone Jngls is presentle oblist caution to pay the said xl s. for the said Jonet, as sche that is relappis with the said Jhone Bowar in fornicatioun.

Nota. Accusatio Mgri. Pa. Arthour, Cranstoun.

Quhilk day conperit Mr. Patrik Arthour, quha is admonisit be the minister to keip the kirk and sermonis on Sonday and utheris precheing dayis, under pane of censouris[3] of the kirk; and siclyke being accusit for begatting of ane barne in fornicatioun with Agnes Cranstoun, servitour to Elene Jnglis, denyis the samyn expresle.

Wemys Lathoker, Patrik.

The quhilk day, James Weimes of Lathoker being inquirit if he knawis Cathrine Patrik, and if sche be presentle in the hous of James Morton with Bessv Dryburth hir mother, and if he knawis that the said Cathrine hes born ane barne in fornicatioun yit on baptizit, and to quhome: ansueris, he knawis Cathrine Patrik, bot knawis nocht quhair sche is, nor if sche hes borne ane[4] barne or nocht, nor yit the barnis father.

Brentoun, Broun, xxj [dayis].

The quhilk day, it is yit statut to Jonet Brentoun to report testimoniall fra the session of Edinburgh, that Mr. Jhone Broun confessis him to be hir barnis father this day xxj dayis, without forder[5] delay, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordant Cathrine Patrik, and

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[1] *To to* in MS.

[2] 'Maii 6, 1591. . . . Ordanis Jhone Bower in Craill to be summund to compeir befoir the Presbitrie the day aucht dayis' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

[3] *Censossouris* in MS. [4] *On* in MS.

[5] *Ford* in MS., the mark of contraction having been omitted.

James Mortoun in Ester Mortoun, and Bessy Dryburth his spous, to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun. *Citatio* Patrik, Mortoun.

The quhilk day, in the caus of dilatioun gevin in aganis James Martine of Lathonis, that he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Issobell Dauidson, and ane uther with Jonet Pady, thir witnes underwritin, to witt, Jhone Carstaris of Raderny, George Wilsoun thair, Jhone Blak thair, Henry Joffry thair, Dauid Calland thair, William Hucheoun in Hishildane, and James Pryde at Lathoker Miln, being warnit to this day personalie be Androw Sellar officir, to testifie the treuth, conperit nocht; thairfor the sessioun ordanit thame to be warnit thairto agane, to this day aucht dayis, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun. Bot conperit James Wemys of Lathoker, Jhone Alesoun and James Alesoun witnes in Raderny, quha, being solemnatle suorn upon this mater and examinat, deponis as thair ansuer beris. *Citatio* Martine, Dauidsoun, Pady.

The quhilk day, being appointit for trial to be takin anent the dilatioun gevin in, that Cathrine Patrik in Ester Mortoun hes borne ane barne in fornicatioun incest or adulterie, yit on baptizit, and for probatioun thairof, James Wemys of Lathoker, present, being examinat, deponis and declars he knawis Cathrine Patrik, bot knawis nocht quhair sche is presentle, nor if sche hes born ane barn or nocht, nor if the barn be baptizit, nor quha is the barns father. The session ordanit to summond Jhone Carstaris, George Wilsoun, Jhone Blak, Dauid Calland, all in Raderny, William Huchoun in Hashildane, James Pryde at Lathoker Miln, James Mortoun, and Bessy Dryburth his spous, to this day aucht dayis, to testifie in this mater. *Citatio* Patrik.

Die xij° Maii, anno lxxxxj°.

The quhilk day, Walter Geddy,[2] being callit befoir the session to mak publict humiliatioun in sek claith for the unhappy slauchter of umquhill James Cokburn, conperit, and offerrit him self willing to obey ony thing the kirk wald injune *Citatio Walterj Geddy.*

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[1] Omitted.

[2] *Walter Geddy* is interlined and is marked to be taken in between *to* and *mak.*

to him for the samyn; bot allegis diveriss ressonis to continew publict humiliatioun for ane certane tyme, quhilkis being hard and fand ressonabill, the session continewit his publict humiliatioun quhill Lammes nixttocum.

Confessio Bett, Henderson.

The quhilk day, Margret Bett grantis hir with barne to Robert Hendersoun maltman, quhilk wes gottin as sche allegis[1] in Robertis awin hous at Zuill last wes. The sessoun ordanit Robert to be warnit to this[2] day aucht dayis to ansuer to the dilatioun.

Decrete aganis Androw Tod for working on the Sabboth day.

The quhilk day, Androw Tod in Straythkynnes, servitour to Jhone Richeart thair, ffor breking and violating of the Sabboth day last wes, in delving and sawing of lint, aganis the law of God, is ordanit to sitt on ane stuill lauche[3] in the kirk, beneth the place of repentance, upon Sonday befoir none, and thaireftir stand up on his feit efter the sermone, and mak publict humiliatioun, [and][4] ask God and the congregatioun forgifnes.

Injunctionis gevin to Alexander Dik and Elspott Lessellis.

The quhilk [day],[4] Alexander Dik and Elspott Lessellis adulteraris ar ordanit to conpeir on Sonday nixttocum, at the secund bell to sermoun befoir none, and stand thair cled in sek claith quhill the last bell be cessit, and thaireftir assend to the hichest gre of the penitent stuill, and sitt quhill the sermon prayar and blessing be done geving, and sa furth to continew ilk Sonday quhill the kirk be satisfeit.

Confessio Banis, Rind.

The quhilk day Effe Banis grantis sche hes born ane madin barne in fornicatioun to Jhone Rind in Straythwethy. He is ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis to ansuer thairto.

Citatio Martine, Dauidson, Paty.

The quhilk [day, as][4] ane terme statut to do diligens for Jhone Carstaris in Raderny, George Wilsoun thair, Jhone Blak thair, Dauid Calland thair, William Hucheoun in Hashaldane, and James Pryde at Lathoker Miln, James Mortoun in Eister Mortoun, and Bessy Dryburth his spous, witnes, for preving of the dilationis gevin in aganis James Martine, and for triall of the treuth in that mater, conperit the said Jhone Carstaris, George Wilsoun, Jhone Blak, William Hucheon, James Pryde, and James Mortoun, quha ar ressavit and suorn, and deponit as thair depositioun beris. The session ordanit to

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[1] *Allgis* in MS.
[2] *This this* in MS.
[3] Laiche, low.
[4] Omitted.

do diligens for Dauid Calland and Bessy Dryburth, this day aucht dayis, and ordanit the said James Mortoun to conpeir agane this day aicht dayis, and testifie the treuth, becaus his depositioun this day is obscuir.

And forder the saidis witnes, being examinat upon the treuth and equite of the dilatioun gevin in aganis ane named [*Catrik*—deleted] Cathrin Patrik in Eister Mortoun, thai deponit as thair depositioun beris. The sessioun ordanit the said James Mortoun and Bessy Dryburth to be summond agane heirto, this day aucht dayis, under pane of censsouris of the kirk. *Citatio* Cathrine Patrik.

The sessioun ordanit Mr. Martine Carstrophin to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to sic thingis as salbe proponit to him. Carstrophin, *rij.*

Die xxvj^{to} *Maii*, 1591.

The quhilk day, William Arthour of Carnis and Mr. Martine Carstrophen, baith present, ar chargit to conpeir agane this day xv dayis, and gif in thair ressonis quhy thai mak nocht publict humilatioun conforme to the ordour. Arthour, Carstrophen, xv [dayis].

The quhilk day Patrik Blak and Margret Bransche in Spinkiston grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Blak, Bransche.

The quhilk day, Jhone Bell in Kyncapill grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Margret Pryde: the said Margret being present grantis the samyn. Thai ar ordanit to satisfe thairfor conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Bell, Pryd.

The quhilk day Robert Hendersoun grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Margret Bett. He is ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Hendersoun, Bett.

Die ix^{o} *Junii*, 1591.

The quhilk day, the session ordanit James Mortoun, Bessy Dryburth his spous, and Cathrine Patrik, to be all warnit to this day aucht dayis; with certificatioun thai suld be all publictlie summond; and als to summond Jonet Paty to the samyn *Citatio* Mortoun, Dryburth, Paty, Patrik.

day; with certificatioun, and sche[1] conpeir [nocht],[2] to be publicle[3] summond.

Arthour, Carstrophen.

The quhilk day, the session ordanit to charge William Arthour and Mr. Martine Carstrphen, to conpeir befoir thame this day aucht dais.

Brenton, Bron.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Jonet Brenton to mak publict humiliatioun, for gatting of the barn as sche allegis in fornicatioun with Mr. Jhone Bron; and if it may be fund and verefiit heireftir that the barne is ony uther mannis nor the said Mr. Jhonis, ather gottin in adulterie or incest, sche to satisfie thairfor of new accordingle; and to that effect sche to find suir cautioun, actitat in townis buikis befoir ane balye and commoun clerk; and in the meanetyme ordanis the said Jonettis barn to be baptizit[4] on hir awin repentance.

Die xvj^to^ Junii, 1591.

Confessio Chaiplane, Zuill.

The quhilk day, Beigis Chaiplane grantis sche hes borne ane mane cheild in fornicatioun to Jhone Zuill in Clairmonth, quhilk wes gottin in Clairmonth, in hir bed in his motheris hous in the hall, and that sche hes hed oftimes to do with him; the first tyme wes at Witsonday last wes. Jhone Smyth deakin takis the burding on him to caus the said Jhone Zuill conpeir to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Paty, Patrik, publict summondis.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefiit that he hed warnit Jonet Paty personale, and Cathrin Patrik at hir duelling place in Eister Morton, being certifiit that sche wes thair, to this day; and becaus thai, being oftimes callit, laidfull tyme biddin, and conperit nocht, the sesson ordanit thame to be publicle summond Sonday nixttocum, to conpeir this day aucht dayis, under [pane of][2] publict admonitioun.

Alexander Dik adultrar ressavit.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, at the humill suit of Alexander Dik, adultrar with Elspot Lessellis, and at the suit of his spous, the said Alexander haifing alreddy sittin fyve sindry Sondayis on the stuill of repentance in sek claith, ordanit him to be ressavit, under promis that he enter agane to mak forder satisfaction quhen be salbe requirit.

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[1] *Thai* in MS.
[2] Omitted.
[3] *Publile* in MS.
[4] *Baptzit* in MS.

Die Mercurii, xxiij° Junii, 1591.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar producit ane summondis dewle execut and indorsat aganis Jonet Paty in Lathonis, and Cathrin Patrik in Eister Morton, as thai that wer publicle summond upon Sonday last wes, the xx day of Junii instant, to haif conperit this day and ansuerit to the dilatioun gevin in aganis thame, under pane of censouris of the kirk, as the summondis at mair lenth contenis; and becaus the saidis Jonet and Patrik, being oftimis callit, laidfull tyme biddin, conperit nocht, the sessioun ordanit thame to be summond publicle the secund tyme, under pane of excommunicatioun, to this day aucht dayis. *Citatio* Paty, Patrik.

The samyn day, conperit Bessy Dryburth, mother to Catrik[1] Patrik, and James Morton in Eister Morton, spous to the said Bessy, witnes, warnit to this day in the dilatioun gevin in aganis James Wemys of Lathoker and James Martine of Lathonis, ressavit suorn and examinat, deponis as thair deposition beris. Dryburth, Mortoun, witnes.

Die Mercurii, ultimo Junii, 1591.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar producit ane summondis dewle execut and indorsat aganis Jonet Paty in Lathonis and Cathrin Patrik in Eister Mortoun, as thai that wer publicle summond upon Sonday last wes, the xxvij of Junii instant, to haif conperit this day and ansuerit to the dilatioun gevin in aganis thame, under pane of excommunicatioun, and for the secund publict admonitioun; and becaus thai conperit nocht, being oftimes callit, laidfull tyme biddin, thairfor the session ordanit thame to be summond agane the thrid tyme publicle, under pane of excommunicatioun, to this day aucht dayis. *Citatio* Paty, Patrik.

The quhilk day, Jhone Zuill in Clairmonth, being accusit upon the dilatioun of Beigis Chaiplane gevin in aganis him, declaris he nevir knew the said Beigis carnalie bot ane tyme, and that wes viij dayis eftir Lammes last wes, in his motheris barne in Clairmonth. The session ordanis baith the parteis to be punisit as fornicatouris, conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Zuill, Chaiplane.

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[1] *Sic.*

Confessio et accusatio Margarete Schankis, Scott.

The quhilk day, Margret Schankis grantis sche is with barn, gottin in fornicatioun with Walter Scott, servitour to Dauid Turubill, and that sche hes hed thryis to do with him; the first tyme wes upon Lathoker Mwir about Martimes, quhen sche wes cumand hame to Sanctandrous furth of the Grange; and the uther tua tymes wes in William Zuill chirirgans hous in wynter, upon the hiche stair, quhen hir maister and hir hussy[1] wes in Jhone Sourdes hous at the supper; and sayis that the said Walter followit hir upon Lathoker Mwir on ane hors, and he tuik hir on behind him, and befoir he tuik hir on he hed to do with hir, and thaireftir immediatle he past away fra hir, and within ane litill quheill he followit hir, and thai com hame to gidder sche being behind him on the hors; sche lichitit nevir quhill sche com to the Sowth Haucht, and than sche com up throw the Craftis, and he reid up the Burn Wynd. And the said Walter, being accusit upon the triall of the samyn, sayis that he wes passand fra Sanctandrous on his maisteris hors to Vnthank, and in his ganging he forgadderit with Margret on the muir and tuik hir on behind him, and quhen sche lichitit he hed then to do with hir and nocht befoir; and thaireftir he past away fra hir to Vnthank and left his maisteris hors behind him, and borowit ane hors in Vnthank, and com agane to St. Androus with hir. And now he sayis thai com to gidder on thair feit to St. Androus; and als he now sayis that the hors wes nocht his maisteris hors, bot ane hors quhilk he tuik at his awin hand gangand in the Sowth Hauche, and quhen he com to the Nether Burn he lichtit and luit the hors gang fra him. And als he first grantit that he hed to do with hir tua sindry tymes, anes on Lathoker Mwir, and ane uther tyme in the said hiche stair; bot now he grantis thre tymes. Thus thai, being severale accusit, vareis in thair depositionis, and makis utheris leyaris; quhairthrow it is suspectit that thai ar fengyeit, and seducit to lie and deny the treuth.[2] The sessioun ordanit

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[1] Mistress.

[2] This shows that it was through no idle curiosity, but from a desire to get at the truth, that the session inquired so minutely as to the times and places of sinning. That there was otherwise a danger of their being imposed upon is manifest from a case which was before the Presbytery in the previous year.—'*Octobris primo, anno etc. lxxxx°.* The quhilk day, comperit the young Lard of

thame to be warnit agane of new, and to be re-examinat, quhen the minister cummis hame and the session is full.

Die Mercurii, septimo Julii, 1591.

The quhilk day, Issobell Berclay grantis hir with barne to George Mwrray, quhilk wes gottin in the Auld College, in the Dane of Glasgowis chalmer, at Fastronis evin last, and dyveris tymes sensyne in the samyn place, and in Dauid Mylis hous. The session ordanit Issobell to caus adverteis George Murray to cum heir and satisfie this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Berclay, Mwrray.

The quhilk day, Jonet Dunce grantis hir with barn to Jhone Dowgall, servitour to Dauid Sourdy, quhilk wes gottin in Jhone Dunce hous, about Fastronisevin last wes. [It is ordanit][1] to summond Jhone to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis. This is the thrid barn Jonet hes gottin in fornicatioun. *Confessio* Dunce, Dowgall.

The quhilk day, Margret Stevinson, spous to George Wilsoun in Laderny, being this day befoir the session, summond as witnes and maidwyffe to Cathrin Patrik in Ester Morton tyme of hir birth, desyrrit to gif hir aith to testifie the treuth, &c., sche expressle refusit.[2] Thairfor the sessoun ordanit hir Stevinsoun, Patrik.

Balkasky, and confessit him to be father of ane bairn alledgit to be his, confessis the mother of the bairn to be deid, the bairn to be thre yeiris of age, to have bein gottin in Leith; affirmis the bairn to be baptisit, and knawis not quhair nor be quhom, bot that it wes presentit to baptism be ane freind of his awin surname, quho wes past to France with the Laird of Wemys: as concerning the woman quhether sche wes madin or widow, the hous quhair sche duelt, quhair the bairn wes gottin, the tym quhen he hed to do with hir, the name of the . . . minister quho baptisit the bairn and of him quho wes presenter, takis the day fyftein dayis to be advysit and to ansuer to thir circumstancis' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). '*Novembris quinto, anno etc. lxxxx°.* Becaus the young Laird of Balcasky confessit him to be the father of ane bairn alledgit to be his, and this day denyis the same be his letter, therfor ordanis his minister to charge him to compeir befoir the Presbitrie the day aucht dayis' (*Ibid.*). '*Decembris* 3°. 1590. The quhilk day, young Balcasky, being inquyrit of his conscience quho movit him to tak upon him to be the father of the bairn alledgit to be his, ansuerit that Caiptan Strang desyrit him to len his name to that bairn and thairfor promesit him ane fair hors' (*Ibid.*).

[1] Omitted.

[2] *Refut* in MS.

to conpeir this day xv dayis to that effect, under pane of censouris of kirk and publict admonition.[1]

Die Mercurii, xiiij^to Julii, 1591.

Confessio Dugall, Dunce.

The quhilk day, Jhone Dugall grantis the dilatioun,[2] bering him to haif knawin Jonet Dunce carnale, trew, and that sche is with barn to him. He is ordanit to satisfie as ane simple fornicatour; and Jonet Dunce present is ordanit, becaus sche is now thryis relappis in fornicatioun, to be xx dayis impressonit, and to sitt thre sindry Sondayis on the penitent stuill.

Die Mercurii, xxj^o Julii, 1591.

Citatio Paty, Parkie.[3]

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar producit ane summondis dewlie execut and indorsat aganis Jonet Paty in Lathonis and Cathrin Patrik in Eister Mortoun, as thai that wer publictle summond upon Sonday last wes, the xviij day of Julii instant, to haif conperit this day to haif ansuerit to the dilatioun gevin in aganis thame, under pane of censouris of the kirk, and this for the thrid and last publict summondis, as the summondis at mair lenth contenis. And thai, being oftimes callit, laidfull tyme biddin, conperit nocht, the session ordanit and decernit thame to haif meret the feirfull sentence of excommunicatioun for thair contempt. And yit befoir the pronunciatioun thairof, the session ordanit the minister to signifie the samyn to the congregatioun publicle Sonday nixtocum, exhorting thair freindis and acquentance to travell with thame for obedience, and to request the congregatioun to pray for thame; and continewit the pronunciatioun of thair sentence quhill this day viij dayis.

Die Mercurii, quarto mensis Augusti, 1591.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Blak minister declarit that he, upon Sonday last wes, publiclie admonisit and requeistit, in

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[1] This paragraph has been squeezed in after the one following it had been written. [2] *Dilagatioun* in MS. [3] *Sic.*

the name of God, all and sindry the kyn freindis and familiar acquentance of Jonet Paty and Cathrin Patrik, that thai micht travell with thame to caus thame conpeir befoir the session this day, to ansuer to sic thingis as salbe propon[it] to thame at thair cuming, rather nor thai suld be excommunicat. The saidis Jonet and Cathrin being this day oftimes callit, nocht conperand, nor yit nane in thair names to the effect foirsaid, bot contempteuslie disobeyit the voce of the kirk; the sessioun, yit movit with mercy, slaw to pronunce that feirfull sentence, in hope of humiliatioun and obedience, continewis the said sentence to Sunday cum aucht dayis, the xv of August instant; and yit in the meane tyme the minister to mak publict admonitioun Sonday nixttocum, that freindis[2] and acquentance of the saidis personis may yit travill with thame for obedience, Weddinsday nixttocum, the xj of August instant, and if thai failye the said sentence to be pronuncit the said xv of August but forder delay.

Continewatioun of the sentence of excommunicatioun aganis Jonet Paty and Cathrik[1] Patrik.

The quhilk day, being appointit to Margret Stevinson maidwyffe to conpeir and mak faith and to depon upon the treuth of sic thingis as suld be sperit at hir, sche conperit nocht, thairfor the session ordanit hir to be publictle summond thairto Sonday nixttocum, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

Stevinsoun, Patrik.

The quhilk [day],[3] conperit Elspot Zounger, as sche that wes warnit to this day, and being inquirit of the maner how Thomas Wilsoun usit hir, ansueris . . .[4] Thomas, being also warnit the samyn day, denyis the dilatioun, except he lay in the bed with hir sen hir gudhame decessit; and that sche is ten yeir auld at Candilmes nixttocum. Thomas is ordanit to cum agane to testife the treuth this day aucht dayis.[5]

Zounger, Wilsoun.

Die Mercurii, xj° Augusti, 1591.

The quhilk day, the sentence of excommunicatioun aganis Jonet Paty and Cathrin Patrik is continewit to Sunday cum

Patrik, Paty, Stevinson.

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[1] *Sic.* [2] *Feindis* in MS. [3] Omitted.

[4] Here her statement is recorded.

[5] This case does not come up again; and there is a blank in the *Register of the Presbytery*, extending from the meeting of the 22d July to that held on the 26th of August.

aucht dayis, in hope of thair humiliatioun; as also the summondis publict aganis Margret Stevinson continewit to the said day.

Die Mercurii, viij° Septembris, 1591.

Continewatioun Patrik, Paty, Stevinson.

The quhilk day, the sentence of excomunicatioun to be pronuncit aganis Jonet Paty and Cathrin Patrik, and also the publict summondis aganis Margret Stevinson, is continewit quhill the session be fully convenit, that the mater may be ressonit and veisiit.

Lessellis adultrice.

The quhilk day, Elspot Lessellis, adultrice with Alexander Dik, is ordanit to conpeir to morn befoir the Presbittrie, and ressaif hir injunctionis.

Confessio Narne, Wemys.

The quhilk day, Margret Narne, servitour to Androw Wrycht, grantis hir to be with barne to Thomas Wemys, sone to Thomas Wemis officiar, quha is now in Flanderis. Sche is ordanit to produce witnes this day aucht dayis, to verefy that Thomas grantit the barn befoir he departit to Flanderis.

Die Mercurii, xv^to Septembris, 1591.

Confessio Wilsoun.

The quhilk day, Elene Wilsoun grantis hir with barn to Henry Wilsoun mariner, quhilk wes gottin in the hous of Jhone Wilsoun maltman, in hir awin bed in the hall; the first tyme wes in Lentron last wes. [It is ordanit[1]] to warn Henry quhen he cummis hame fra the saill.

Confessio Broun, Bouy.

The quhilk day, Agnes Bron grantis hir with barn to Patrik Bouy in Langraw, quhilk wes gottin in Fedinsche at Witsonday last wes. [It is ordanit][1] to warn Bouy to this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, decimo mensis Octobris, 1591.

Confessio Smyth, Fleming.

The quhilk day, Jhone Smyth and Margret Fleming grantis thai haif gottin ane barne to gidder in fornicatioun, in Dauid Smythis hous in this citee; and that the samyn barne wes

[1] Omitted.

born in Lokkeis hous in this citee, and the barne wes borne deid, and buriit under silence of nycht be Androw Sellar and Alane belman.[1] The session ordanit thame to satisfie for thair offence conforme to the ordour; and Androw Sellar and Alane to be warnit and accusit for buring of the said barn, being gottin in fornication and nocht satisfaction maid to the kirk thairfor, and under silence of nycht, the majestratis nocht being advertisit.

To warn Androw Sellar and his man.

Die tertio Novembris, anno lxxxxj°.

The quhilk day, Margret Mane grantis hir with barne to Stevin Lawsoun, servitour to Margret Aytoun, quhilk wes gottin at Midsymmer last wes, in hir awin hous in this citee; the first tyme wes at Peasche last wes, and the last tyme wes xx dayis befoir Lammes last wes. Sche buir ane barne befoir to William Diksoun in Lawder. [It is ordanit][2] to warn Lawson to this day aucht dayis.

Confessio Mane, Lawsoun.

The quhilk day Henry Wilsoun grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Elene Wilson. He is ordanit to satisfie as also the said Elene conforme to the ordour.

Confessio Wilsoun.

The quhilk day, conperit Issobell Trest and Jhone Andersoun, quha grantis thai haif gottin ane barn[3] in adultre in Vnthank, the said Issobell being mariit with James Scrymgeour. The sessioun ordanit thame to conpeir to morn befoir the Presbittrie and ressaif thair injunctionis.[4]

Confessio adulterii Andersoun, Trest.

Die Mercurii, xxiiij^to Novembris, anno lxxxxj°.

The quhilk day, Cristene Hound grantis sche hes borne ane barne in fornicatioun to Jhone Carnis, quhilk wes gottin [in][2] Robert Scheves chalmer in the Abbay, xv dayis befoir Zuill last wes, betuix fyve and sex houris eftir none, and that he hed oftimes to do with hir sensyne. The session ordanit

Confessio Hound, Carnis.

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[1] Alane Robertson. [2] Omitted. [3] *Ane barn in barne* in MS.

[4] 'December 10, 1591.—Comperit Jhone Andersoun, parochiner of Sanctandrois, duelling in the Grang[e], and confessit adulterie with Jssobell Tressis; and sche, in lyk maneir, confessis the said s[in] of adulterie with him' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

Jhone Carnis to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Confessio Symmer, Congiltoun.

The quhilk day, Jonet Symmer grantis hir with barne to Paule Congiltoun, servitour to Mr. Jhone Aytoun of Kynnaldy, quhilk wes gottin in Kynnaldy in Lentron last wes, in the eist chalmer; the last tyme wes viij dayis befoir Michaelmes last wes. The sessioun ordanit the said Paule to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, primo Decembris, anno lxxxxj°.

Citatio Carnis, j.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefiit that he hes warnit Jhone Carnis personalie, to ansuer this day to the dilatioun gevin in be Cristene Hound aganis him; and the said Jhone being oftimes callit thairto, nocht conperand, the sessioun ordanit him to be warnit agane to ansuer to this day aucht dayis, for the secund tyme under [pane of][1] publict admonition.

Citatio Lawsoun, j.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar verefiit that he hed also warnit Stevin Lawson personalie to this day, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him be Margret Mane. Becaus he conperis nocht, the session ordanit him to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis, for the secund tyme, under [pane of][1] public admonition.

Confessio Anderson.

The quhilk [day],[1] Henry Anderson litstar, being accusit for haifing carnall daill with Elspot Dauidsoun sen the last tyme he wes admonisit, grantis the samyn, and promisis to returne this day aucht dayis and contract marige with hir, and to satisfie for his offence at the sessionis will.

Die Mercurii, octavo Decembris, 1591.

Citatio Carnis.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar[2] verefiit that he hed warnit Jhone Carnis to this day personalie, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in be Cristene Hound aganis him; and becaus he conperis nocht, the sessioun ordanit him to be warnit agane the secund tyme, to this day aucht dayis, under [pane of][1] publict admonition.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar verefiit that he hed warnit

[1] Omitted. [2] Interlined over *Carnis* deleted.

Stevin Lawsoun personalie to this day, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin aganis him be Margret Mane. Becaus he conperis nocht, the session ordanis him to be warnit the secund tyme, to this day aucht dayis, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun. *Citatio* Lawson.

Die decimo quinto mensis Januarii, 1591.

The quhilk day, Mr. James Martine, Provest of St. Saluatouris College, Mris. Dauid Russell, William Russell, Jhone Scott, William Lermonth, Patrik Gutherie, elderis, Androw Wrycht deakin, and Thomas Wod redar, being assemblit in the consalhous, hes ordanit Patrik Arthour, portioner of Newtoun, his barne, procreat be him on Margret Monipenny his ladfull spous, to be baptizit; and thai nochtwithstanding to satisfie for ony offence and sklander done and gevin be thame befoir thair mariage, quhen the kirk sall command thame. Ordinance anent Patrik Arthour and Margret Monipenny.

Die primo Martii, 1591.

The quhilk day, Patrik Bouy, servitour to George Ramsy of Langraw, grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Annabill Bron, quhilk wes gottin in Fedinsche. He is ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Bouy, Broun.

The quhilk day Paule Congiltoun and Jonet Symmer grantis thai haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun in Kynnaldy. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Congiltoun, Symmer.

The quhilk day conperit Alane Lentroun quha denyis the dilatioun gevin in aganis him be Issobell Guidfallow. Thai ar ordanit to be confrontit this day aicht dayis. Lentroun, Guidfallow.

Die viij° mensis Martii, 1591.

The quhilk day, Beatrix Broun grantis sche hes borne ane barne in adulterie to Jhone Forrett duelling at Forrett Miln, quhilk wes gottin in ane litill auld hous besyde the nether yett of the Abbay, aucht dayis eftir Witsonday last wes. It is ordanit that Thomas Wod present request to the Presbittre to morn, to caus Jhone Forrett conpeir this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilatioun. *Confessio adulterii* Broun, Forrett.

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[1] Omitted.

Die xxix° Martii, 1592.

Confessio Strang, Scott.

The quhilk day, Dauid Strang grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Margret Scott, as also Margret grantit the samyn. Dauid is ordanit to be impressonit and to satisfie conforme to the ordour. Margret committit adultrie befoir with Duncane Balfour.[1] Sche is ordanit also to satisfe, bot the haill session to be advisit upon hir satisfaction.

Andersoun, Dauidsoun.

The quhilk day, Henry Anderson is ordanit to enter to the stuill of repentance Sonday nixttocum, and to sitt thairon, for fornicatioun with Elspot Dauidson, thre sindry Sondayis, becaus he is thryis relapis.

Confessio Grundestoun, Gaw.

The quhilk day, Margret Grundestoun grantis sche is with barne to Henry Gaw, quhilk wes gottin in Androw Forrettis hous xx dayis eftir Martimes last wes, in the chalmer in the nicht. The sessioun ordanit Henry Gaw to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Confessio Blak, Greif.

The quhilk day, Issobell Blak grantis hir with barne to Androw Greif, quhilk wes gottin at Lambes last wes, in Cathrin Zoungis hous in this citee. Androw is ordant to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun.

Confessio Stevinson.

The quhilk day, Margret Stevinsoun grantis sche hes borne [ane barne][2] in fornicatioun to Mr. Dauid Mwrray, quhilk wes gottin in the Bischoppis hous. Sche allegis the barne wes baptizit in the kirk of [*blank*] within the Presbittrie of Perth; and is ordanit to satisfie for hir offence in this kirk, and to report testimoniall of the baptizing[3] of the barin.

Confessio Duncanson.

The quhilk day Jonet Duncansoun grantis hir with barne to [*blank*]. Sche is ordanit [to][2] enter in presson Satterday nixttocum, or ellis to pay xx s. in part of pament of the Act.

Die xix° Aprilis, 1592.

Confessio Carnis, Hound.

The quhilk day Jhone Carnis grantis carnall copulatioun with Cristene Hound. He hes payit in viij s. in part of pament of the Act for his impressoment; and is ordanit to mak

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[1] This seems to imply that the session did not believe her accusation against Mr. Androw Alane. See *supra*, p. 704.

[2] Omitted. [3] *Baptzing* in MS.

publict humiliatioun, conforme to the ordour, within ane moneth.

The quhilk day, Issobell Strang grantis hir with barne to Jhone Galloway, servitour to the Laird of Carnebe, quhilk wes gottin in Dauid Strangis hous in Pittinweme. The balyeis hes promist to tak ordour with hir in the tolbuith, and gif hir ane assyis Friday nixttocum. *Confessio* Strang.

The quhilk day, Margret Rind grantis sche hes born ane barne in fornicatioun to Jhone Gourlay, quhilk wes gottin in Tessis, in Lady Wodis hous, within the parrochin of Seres. The bailyes hes promist to tak ordour with hir in the tolbuith, and gif hir ane assyis Friday nixttocum. *Confessio* Rind.

The quhilk day, Margret Scott is ordanit to begyn agane hir pennence in seclaith Sonday nixttocum, for adultrie with umquhill Duncane Balfour, and to continew quhill the kirk be satisfeit, and thaireftir to be punisit for fornicatioun with Dauid Strang. *Decretum*[1] Scott.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar producit ane summondis dewle execut and indorsat upon Margret Clapen adultrice, Beatrix Weland and Agnes Bett fornicatouris, quha wes laidfulle summond publicle[2] to this day, to ansuer to the dilatioun and to sic thingis as suld haif bein sperit at thame; and, becaus thai conperit nocht, thai ar ordanit to be summond the secund tyme publicle,[2] under pane of excommunicatioun. And als Elspot Guidfallow grantis sche hes born ane madin barne in adultrie to Alane Lentron, quhilk wes gottin.[3] *Citatio* Clapen, Weland, Bett.

Die tertio mensis Maii, 1592.

The quhilk day, Alexander Pady and Margret Clapen being callit befoir the sessioun for keping cumpanie to gidder as adulteraris, thai conperit and allegit thame to be mariit in the town of Wark in Jngland; and that Robert Auchmowty sumtyme spous to the said Margret is devorsit fra hir, and he is mariit with ane uther woman. The sessioun ordanit thame to produce testimoniall of thair mariage and decrete of devorce- *Confessio* Clapen, Pady. *xij Junii.*

[1] *Confessio* in MS.

[2] *Publile* in MS.

[3] Here this entry ends abruptly.

ment, the xij of Junii nixttocum; certifeing thame, if thai failye, the sessioun will proceid aganis thame to the censouris of the kirk.

Gudfallow.

The quhilk day, conpert Issobell Gudfallo, quha, being accusit quhy sche conpert nocht to be confrontit with Alane Lentron, ansueris sche wes in the kirk that day, bot sche wes persuadit to pas away and nocht to conpeir be Dauid Gudfallow, Gregore Watson, Mr. Dauid Auchmoty yonger, and Jhone Lentron.

Die xxiij° Augusti, anno lxxxxij°.

Clapen, Pady, 2° *Februarii.*

The quhilk day, Alexander Pady and Margret Clapen, being to this day warnit to produce testimoniall of thair marage, and decrete quhair Margret wes devorsit fra Robert Auchmoty hir first husband, conperit Alexander Pady, quha producit ane testimoniall subscrivd be Mr. Dauid Spens, minister of Kirkcaldy, testifeing that he mariit Robert Auchmowty laidfulle with Grissell Seitoun, within the parrochin of Kircaldy, and that becaus the said Robert is devorsit fra the said Margret Clepen be decrete of the commissaris of Edinburgh. The sessioun ordanit Alexander yit[1] as of befoir to produce testimoniall of his laidfull mariage with Margret Clapen, betuix this and Candilmes nixttocum.

Citatio Lentroun, Guidfallow.

The quhilk day, Alane Lentroun, being warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin aganis him be Issobell Guidfallow, conperit nocht. The sessioun ordanit him to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis, under pane of publict admonitioun.

Confessio Moreis, Reid.

The quhilk day Thomas Moreis grantis him to haif gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Agnes Reid. He is ordanit to satisfie for his offence, and Agnes to be warnit quhen sche is habill to travell.

Die sexto Septembris, 1592.

Citatio Lentroun, Guidfallow.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wod redar verefiit that he hed upon Sonday last wes summond Alane Lentroun publiclie[2] to

[1] *It* in MS. [2] *Publilie in* MS.

this day, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him be Issobell Guidfallo, that he and sche may be confrontit thairin. Becaus he conperit nocht, the sessioun ordanit him to be summond publikle Sonday nixttocum, for the secund tyme, under [pane of][1] censsouris of the kirk.

The desyre of Mr. Dauid Blak minister.

The quhilk day, it being inquirit of Mr. Dauid Blak minister to sett down in speciall the heidis and preceptis, quhilk he desyris to be observit in this congregatioun:—First, he desyris that ordour be takin for keping of the Sabboth day; nixt, that provisioun be maid for the puir; thridlie, that the elderis wache and attend upon the maneris of the pepill.[2]

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[1] Omitted.

[2] The 23d of September 1591 having been appointed by the Presbytery as the day on which commissioners were to be sent from each parish, 'to testifie of the doctrin and lyfe of ther ministeris, and to complain gif ony occasioun they hed,' there accordingly 'comperit Mris. William Russell and William Cok commissioneris for the toun of Sanctandrois, quho complenis upon ther minister for the not ministratioun of the sacramentis; and hes na thing to say farder aganis ther minister, or vicar Thomas Wood. . . . It is ansuerit be the said Mr. Dauid [Blak] that he acceptit not the ministrie *simpliciter* on him, but in houp that sic a portioun suld be allotit to him of the parochin as he mycht be abill to deal with in conscience, in administratioun of the Word and sacramentis and exercis of disciplin; and now seing that the paroche takis na ordour for appoynting sic ane portioun as he may deall with, and declairing that it is ane thing impossible for thame to do, he refuisis to accept the ministrie of the haill parochin as thei wald have him doing; and desyris thame therfor to provyd for a minister or ma to serve ther turn' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). After this the matter was frequently before the Presbytery, as their *Register* shows. From the minute of the 18th of November it appears that he had not only 'never as yitt ministrat the sacramentis,' but had now also 'withdrawin him fra the ministratioun of the Word.' He seems indeed to have left the town, for, on three subsequent occasions, the Presbytery resolved that he should be written for. At length, on the 21st of January 1591-2, the Provost, bailies, and council, gave in a bill to the Presbytery, mentioning that Black was unwilling to accept the ministry of their city, and desiring the Presbytery 'to ressave his awin declaratioun heirintill; and in respect thairof to declare the place vacand and fre, that the saming may be provydit be the godlie advys and concurrance of the Presbitrie; and that in the mean tyme, quhill ordinar provisioun wer maid, that thai have the Word and sacramentis ministrat unto thaime.' The Presbytery then received his declaration, fortified by five reasons, and signed by him in their *Register*. One of the reasons was 'the undewtifull removing of the brother [Mr. John Authinleck], quho occupeit the place befoir him, for laik of a litill mantenance; and never indevoring to supplie the place with any uther.' Another is based on 'the continewall contempt of the Word, utterit by thame, in the personis of the ministeris thairof, quho occupeit ther pulpeit'; and another on 'the alienatioun of thair myndis from his ministerie, uttering the self daylie mair and mair by

Die xiij° Septembris, 1592.

Lentroun, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Dauid Watsoun bailye declaris that he com to Thomas Wod[1] redar and causit him to stay the publict

withdrawing of ther personis from the sessioun.' 'Having sustenit the greiff of thaime as he culd for the space of ane yeir, and finding no amendement by repentance, he declaris that he meins not to disgrace his ministerie any mair amangst thaime; bot pronuncis the place to be void and vacant.' At the next weekly meeting, the Presbytery found that the place was not vacant; and ordered Mr. David to discharge the office of the ministry there, or show cause why he should not. On the 3d of February he again appeared and refused to obey the injunctions of the Presbytery, for certain reasons, which he was ordered to lodge in writing that day eight days. Thirteen reasons, grouped in three classes, were given in by him on the 10th of February, and the Presbytery found that he had not fully accepted the charge, and continued the matter for a week. On the 21st of February, 'The Presbitrie findis it to be ane guid reasoun: Mr. Dauid Blak hes not acceptit the ministerie of Sanctandrois, nor ordourlie admittit therto; and therfor he suld not be urgit to do the office.' No further action seems to have been taken until the 18th of June 1592, when it was ordained that the parishioners of St. Andrews should be summoned to that day eight days; and on the 29th of that month they were ordained 'to produce the Act of the Generall Assemble anent the planting of thair kirk.' On the 6th of July, 'the congregatioun of St. Androis' was ordained 'to do farther diligence anent the planting of their ministrie.' The next reference to the matter is the one in the text, from which, had it stood alone, it might never have been inferred that Black was not acting then as their minister; yet that seems to have been the case; and the special 'heidis and preceptis,' which he was asked to set down, were probably intended as the basis of an agreement. Nothing apparently came out of all this for some time, for, on the 14th of December, the Presbytery granted the desire of the commissioners of St. Andrews, 'that the pulpitt micht be suppleit be the help of sum brithren, the nixt owlk of solemne fasting appointed be the Kirk.'

[1] This is the last reference to Thomas Wod in the *Register*. He was now a frail old man. Walter Adamsoun, a tailor, assaulted him on the 20th of March 1591-2. At nine o'clock in the evening, 'under the silence of nycht,' Wod was 'resortand towardis his awin hous, unmyndfull of ony injurie heirm or skaith to have bene done to him be any person or personis, bot to have alwayis be Goddis assistance frequentit his wounted rest. Nevertheles the said Walter Adamsoun, movit of quhat spirit unknawin,' or 'rather of the spirit of Sathan as apperit, maist schamfullie umbesett' the 'said Thomas Wood, being ane simpill aigit and impotent man,' unable to resist his wicked and furious attempt. Adamson 'patt handis in the said Thomas be ruggin of his staff fra him,' intending 'to have maist schamfullie murtherit' him. Had it not been for 'the assistance and speciall providence of God Almychtie, be quhois power and mercie he wes incouragit to divulgat this the said Walteris tratorus and bluide mening be crying with lowd voice Murther! Murther! he wes umbesett and murtherit be ane knaiff.' Wod having complained to the magistrates, and Adamsoun having confessed that 'he hed mellit with the said compleanar and wald have bereft him of his staff,' they appointed an inquest. The jury found Adamsoun, by his

citatioun of Alane Lentroun Sonday last wes; and promisis to caus him conpeir personalie this day aucht dayis and ansuer to the dilatioun.

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own confession, 'to have done intollerable wrang' to 'ane simpill and impotent man bering charge in Chrystis kirk and congregatioun of this citie.' Besides, Walter was 'notoriuslie knawin to be sic ane man, swa wyld and dissolute in lyf and conversatioun, na wayis wirthe to susten the societie of guid man (*sic*), nather yitt to be harberit in sic ane congregatioun.' The trial was on Friday, and he was sentenced to be immediately put into the stocks, there to remain until Sabbath, when he was to be convoyed by the officers to the parish church, and 'placit upon the heichest degre of the penitent stule in quhyt lining or hardin claithis.' After the sermon he was on bended knees to confess his offence and crave forgiveness, then he was to be taken back again to the stocks, from which he was to be released on Monday, in order that he might be set in the jogis in the open market, 'cled in maneir forsaid with ane form of moitar [*i.e.* mitre] upon his heid, quhairupon salbe writtin and expressit the form of his offence.' He was there again to make confession and ask forgiveness, and then by proclamation to be banished from the town for ever. The process has been copied into the *Register of the Presbytery*. Wod does not appear to have long survived this attack. Scott confounds him with a contemporary of the same name who was vicar of Carnbee (*Fasti*, ii. 411); while Laing states that they cannot be identified, as the vicar of St. Andrews had not taken his degree of A.M. at the University (*Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*, vii. 453); but in the *Register of the Presbytery* the vicar of Carnbee appears both as *Thomas Wod* and as *Mr. Thomas Wod*. There are references however in that *Register* which seem clearly to imply that the vicar of St. Andrews was not the same man as the vicar of Carnbee. The fame of Thomas Wod of St. Andrews rests entirely on his Psalter (see *supra*, p. 40, n. 2). Of his early history, says Laing, 'we have no certain information. His own words show that in 1562 he had joined the Reformers, and had commenced his labours on the music adapted to the metrical Psalms, and that in the course of four years his work in four books had been completed. Not being aware of any difference in date of the duplicate volumes, or that his explanatory notes were added at various times, I fell into the common mistake of supposing him to have held the office of vicar for some years previous to 1566. At that period it was not unusual for one person to hold an office while another enjoyed the teinds or emoluments; but the office itself of vicar ceased to be recognised in the Presbyterian Church, although the vicarage teinds were assigned by special grant from the Crown as a stipend to ministers or readers . . . From the *Register of the Privy Seal*, we further learn that on the 21st March 1575-6, Thomas Wood having obtained from "My Lord Regentis Grace a presentation to the vicarage of Sanct Androis, Mr. John Wynrame, Superintendent of Fyfe, was charged to admit him to the said vicarage."' Laing adds, 'This grant of the vicarage teinds was for life, and Wood survived probably till the close of the sixteenth century. One of his marginal notes has the date 1592.' (*Proc. of Soc. of Antiq. of Scot.*, vii. 452, 453.) But it is much more probable that he died that very year, for, as will be seen in a subsequent note (*infra*, p. 742), Mr. Robert Zuill was presented to the vicarage before the 2d of November 1592.

Confessio adulterii Gilcrist, Kynnynmonth, *rij.*

The quhilk day, conperit George Gilcrist wobstar and Cathrin Kynnynmonth, quha grantis that thai haif committit adulterie, the said George being mariit with ane uther woman; and that thai haif lyin to gidder fyve sindry tymes, and that the said Cathrin is with barne to him in adultree. Thai ar ordanit to pas to morn to the Presbittrie and ressaif thair injunctionis, and thaireftir conpeir befoir the sessioun this day aucht dayis.

Die Veneris, xv^to^ Septembris, 1592.

Confessio Margarete Philp.

The quhilk day, the sessioun being convenit, conperit befoir thame Margret Philp, quha being examinat confessis that sche wes mariit [with][1] Jhone Thomson, in the Garioch, in the Northland; and that sche and he com to Coupar in Fyffe and duelt thair (he being ane[2] skynner of his craft) sevin yeiris, under Dauid Nicholl; and that hir husband deit fra hir at Michaelmes wes ane [yeir][1]; to quhome sche bur twa barnis in laidfull mariage; and sensyne sche hes born ane barne to Thomas Bell, ane puir vagabound beggar with ane hand, at Peasche last wes, in fornicatioun; and sche falslie discemblit and said that hir barne wes hir husbandis, and causis James Tailzeour, seyman in the Fischergait, hald up hir barn, and James Clerk and Andro Dikeson wes witnes, quhen Mr. Robert Wilkie baptizit hir barn in St. Leonardis kirk: and forder confessis and declaris that sche hes ane madin barne of sevin owkis auld in fostering with hir, and that the said barne is Patrik Bonkillis barne, and that he geif hir ane mark of silver to keip the barne; and that Jhone Maknair causit hir to pas with him to ane town, quhilk is Norther Faufeildis, quhair the barne wes borne; and thair, quhen sche and Jhone Maknair com, the mother of the barne wes sittand in ane mirk chalmer, with ane cursche[3] ower hir eis, quha deliverit the barne to hir upon Lammes evin last wes, and prayit hir to do weill to the barne; and als declaris that Patrik Bonkle, Jhone Maknair and sche, being convenit at Patrikis desyre in Patrikis writing chalmer, Patrik thair aggret with hir to tak the barn in fostering, and

Depositio Philp, Bonkele.

[1] Omitted. [2] *In* in MS. [3] A woman's cap.

geif hir the said mark of silver; and eftir that sche hed ressavit the barne sche past with it to Coupar, quhair sche remanit xx dayis at Patrikis desyre, and that Patrik promist to caus tak the barne fra hir schortlie, and he said to hir the barne wes ane gentill mannis barne in Lowtheane; and eftir sche hed remanit xx dayis in Coupar, and nather com Patrik nor send to hir to tak the barne fra hir, sche com agane to this citee with the barn, to seik mair support fra Patrik to sustein the barn: and being inquirit quhair sche wes mariit, sayis that Walter Jnnes[1] minister mariit hir with Jhone Thomsoun at the kirk of Leslie in the Garioche; and sayis that [*blank*] Cuthbert, gudwyffe of the hous, wes present in the hous quhen sche ressavit the barne, and geif thame butter cheis and meit; and that Patrik Bonkle com to Jhone Segis hous to hir, and bad hir cum to his chalmer to him to aggre with hir; and Patrik send Jhone Caldwellis to hir to that effect, viij dayis befoir the barn wes born. Jhone Maknair, being suorn and examinat, deponis, on his conscience, that he wes directit be Patrik Bonkle to pas to Norther Faufeld, to Androw Dikesonis hous, with Margret Philp, to ressaif ane barne new born in the said Androwis hous; and that he ressavit fra Patrik for his panis ane Frensche testane; and that he saw ane woman quhilk wes sittand in ane chalmer, and knawis nocht the womannis name, nor yit the barnis father. Margret Philp also sayis that quhen sche ressavit the barn the mother thairof said to hir, The silver that Patrik Bonkle hes gevin yow is bot drink silver, he will pay yow honestle thairfor, and find the barne clathis! and that Patrik gef hir xiij s. iiij d. sen syne in the College Kirkzard, ane nicht at ix houris at evin, to pas furth of the town with the barn. The samyn day conperit Patrik Bonkill, common clerk of this citee, and, being examinat and chargit with the foirsaid dilatioun, if the barne be his or nocht and if the dilatioun be trew, declaris on his conscience the barne is nocht his barne, and that he nevir knew ony woman carnale sen he wes mariit bot his present mariit wyffe; and forder confessis that he, at desyre of ane gentill man, gef ane mark of silver to the said Margret Philp

Depositio Maknair.

Confessio Pa. Bonkill.

Walter Innes supplied the parish of Leslie in 1580 (Scott's *Fasti*, iii. 590).

to foster the barne, and that he knawis nocht the barnis mother; and that [he][1] sall do diligens to caus the barnis father conpeir befoir the sessioun upon Weddinsday cum aucht dayis, and confes the barne; and denyis the geving of ane testane to Jhone Maknair; and, being demandit to tell the gentill mannis name, presentle refusis. The session nocht-withstanding ordanis him [to][1] conpeir Weddinsday nixtto-cum, and declair the gentill mannis name quha is the barnis father, and to caus him conpeir Weddinsday cum aucht dayis personale and confes the samyn, conforme to his promis; and ordanis Mr. William Russell balye, Mr. Jhone Scott, and Charlis Watsoun clerk, to pas this day with all diligens to Norther Faufeild, and examinat [*blank*] Cuthbert maidwyffe and Androw Dikeson, upon the said dilatioun. Quha, being examinat be thame the said day, deponis as followis: first, being inquirit if ony woman wes lichter in hir hous of ane barn sen Witsonday last wes, ansueris that ane ant of hir awin, haifand hir gud man at the saill, com furth of Craill to hir and wes deliverit[2] of ane barn, and thaireftir sche past hame agane to Craill; and, being inquirit if ony uther woman wes deliverit[2] of ony barnis in hir hous sen Witsonday nor that, ansueris, Na. And than it being schawin to hir that ane woman, this day with Jhone Maknair present befoir the consall of the sessioun of St. Androus, declarit that thai at command of Pa. Bonkill ressavit ane madin barn fra hir furth of hir hous, than sche ansuer and confessis, Now I remember ane uther young woman, of xxvj yeiris of age or thairby, com to hir hous ane litill befoir Lammes last wes, and desyrt hir help for Goddis saik in hir birth, and that sche micht haif remaning with hir quhill sche suld be deliverit,[2] quhilk sche willingle for Goddis saik consentit to; and that sche com to hir viij dayis befoir hir birth onle, and knawis nocht quhair fra sche com nor hir name, bot only thai call hir Cristene, and that sche buir ane madin barn in hir hous, quhilk is blauk harit; and that sche sperit nocht hir name, nor of hir parentis and kinred, nor yit sperit sche tyme of hir birth quha wes the barnis father, nor quha send hir thair; and that sche remanit

Depositio Cuthbert.

[1] Omitted. [2] *Deliver* in MS.

with hir xx dayis, and than departit sowth ower to Lowtheane, quhair sche said the barnis father duelt; and, being inquirit if Patrik Bonkill send hir thair, denyis the samyn.

Die Mercurii, xx° Septembris, 1592.

The quhilk day, being appointit to Patrik Bonkill to declair the mannis name quha aucht the barn that Margret Philp hes in fostring, he, being oftimes callit to that effect, laidfull tyme of day biddin, conperit nocht. Bonkll.

The quhilk day, George Gilcrist wobstar and Cathrin Kynnynmonth, adulteraris, remittit fra the Presbittrie to the sessioun to ressaif thair injunctionis. Thai ar ordanit be the sessioun to enter upon Sonday nixttocum, at the secund bell to sermone befoir none, and stand at the kirk dur to gidder cled in sek claith quhill the last bell to sermone be endit, and thaireftir enter to gidder upon the hichest degre of the penitent stuill, and sit in sek claith bair heddit quhill the sermone and prayer be endit, and sa to continew ilk Sonday quhill the kirk be satisfeit. Injunctionis gevin to George Gilcrist and Cathrin Kynnynmonth adulteraris.

The quhilk day, Mungo Fortoun and Cristene[1] Alane grantis thai haif gottin ane barne in adulterie, the said Mungo being mariit with Jonet Mathesoun. Thai ar ordanit to conpeir befoir the Presbittrie to morn and ressaif thair injunctionis, and to conper agane befor the sesson this day aucht dayis. *Confessio adulterii* Fortoun, Alane.

The quhilk day, Robert Williamsoun deakin oblissis him caution to produce testimoniall, that Thomas Traill[2] and Marie Mortoun[3] hes satisfeit for thair fornicatioun in the kirk of Kempbak—[the bairn being][4] gottin in the said parrochin and born in this citee—and that within viij dayis nixt eftir Mr. Dauid Monipeny minister of Kembak cum hame. *Obligatio Roberti Williamson.*

The quhilk day, Allexis the Appoloniane, being warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis him be the minister, being oftimes callit and his personall warning verefiit, *Citatio* Allexis, Appoloniane.

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[1] Interlined over *Cathrin* deleted.

[2] *Traill Traill* in MS.

[3] *Mortoun* interlined. *Kynnynmonth* deleted.

[4] Omitted.

conperit nocht. The sessioun ordanit him to be warnit heirto the secund tyme, under [pane of][1] publict admonition.[2]

Decretum contra Dauidsoun.

The quhilk day, Elspot Dauidsoun oblissis hir of hir awin fre will to be baneist this citee perpetuale, if evir sche haif carnall daill heireftir with Henry Andersoun litstar on mariit; and is ordanit to satisfe Sonday nixttocum for the faltis ellis done.

Die Veneris, penultimo mensis Septembris, 1592.

Confessio Alexandrj Bonkill, Patricij Bonkill.

The quhilk day, Patrik Bonkill, for fulfilling of the desyre of the Act maid the xv of September instant, producis Alexander Bonkill personalie, sone to Eduard Bonkll in Kelso, present servand to Walter Ker of Litildane, and that he hes bein sen Witsonday last wes with him; and declaris that he wes in St. Androus at midsymmer wes ane yeir and nevir befoir, and ane uther tyme sen syne at Mertimes last wes, and now this is the thrid tyme that evir he wes heir; and that he duellis within the parrochin of Maxton and that Jhone Smyth is minister thairof, and that he sum tymes[3] hantis in the parrochin of Kelso, quhairof William Balfour is minister. And the barne quhilk Margret Philp hes in fostering, being in the consall hous in the said Alexander presens, it wes sperit at him if the samyn barne wes his barne, ansueris, he knawis nocht; bot sayis he hes hed carnall daill with Issobell Sutherland. Sudderland, the barnis mother, and the first tyme that he hed to do with hir wes in Patrik Bonkillis writing chalmer, upon ane bed quhair he lay in the fluir, quhen sche com to mak the samyn, sche being in the meane tyme servand to Patrik Bonkll; and that sche wald nocht lett him, befoir he first maid hir promis of mariage; and diveris tymes about that samyn tyme of Mertimes, baith in Patrik writing chalmer and in the loft aboif his hall, for he remanit than xx dayis with Patrik in this citee quietle.

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[1] Omitted.

[2] '*Aprilis penultimo* 1591. . . . Ordanis the minister of Sanctandrois, in publict pulpit, to sumund the Polonian to conpeir befoir the Presbitrie the day aucht dayis, under the pane of the censuris of the kirk' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

[3] *Tyme* in MS.

And Patrik Bonkill now declaris that the barnis motheris name is Issobell Sudderland, bastard dochter to umquhill Dauid Sutherland, father bruther to his awin wyffe; and, being demandit if he knawis quhair sche is presentle, ansueris he knawis nocht bot belevis sche is with hir mother, namit [*blank*] Hair, duelling besyde Perth; and that hir mother hes ane bruther in Perth callit [*blank*] Hair sourdslipper.[1] Patrik offerris him willinglie to do diligence to present the barnis mother upon Weddinsday the first day of November nixttocum. And the sessioun ordanis the said Alexander Bonkill to present the said barnis mother the said day, and Patrik and Alexander to be baith also present the samin day. *Primo Novembris.*

Die Mercurii, quarto Octobris, 1592.

Quhilk day, Alexis the Apoloniane, being accusit befoir the session for nocht keiping of the Sabboth day holy and nocht frequenting the sermonis, is decernit, he being in this town, to keip the precheing or ellis to schaw ane ressonabill caus; and he, being furth of this town, salbe haldin to mak ansuer to the sessioun, quhair he wes on the Sabboith day tyme of sermone heireftir. *Decretum contra Alexum Apolonianum.*

The quhilk day James Jak mariner grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Sara Stevin. He is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Jak, Stevin.

The quhilk day, Dauid Strang cordinar is ordanit to pay x s. for fornicatioun with Margret Scott, in part of pament of the Act, and to mak humiliatioun. Strang, Scott.

Die Mercurii, xviij$_o$ Octobris, 1592.

The quhilk day, Jonet Broun grantis hir with barne to Dauid Guidfallow, quhilk wes gottin at the Ruid Day last wes, in his fatheris malt barn. [It is ordanit][2] to warn Dauid to this day aucht dayis to ansuer, and Jonet to be present the said day. *Confessio* Broun, Guidfallow.

The quhilk day, Margret Gulen grantis hir with barn to *Confessio* Gulen, Orme.

[1] Sword-sharper.

[2] Omitted.

Mr. Alane Orm, quhilk wes gottin xx dayis eftir Witsonday last wes, in Beatrix Traillis chalmer in the clois, in the day tyme eftir none. The sessioun ordanit Mr. Alane Orm to be warnit, quhen he may be apprenhendit, to ansuer to the dilatioun.

Confessio Schort, Michell.

The quhilk day, Dauid Schort and Cristene Michell, being this day contractit, grantis thai haif committit fornicatioun befoir thair contract and sche is with barn to him. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie as fornicatouris befoir thair mariage.

Die Mercurii, xxv^to^ Octobris, 1592.

Confessio Reid, Moreis.

Quhilk day, Agnes Reid grantis sche hes borne ane barne in fornicatioun to Thomas Moreis, quha also hes confessit the gatting thairof. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie for thair offencis. This is tua sindry tymes Thomas hes offendit. He is ordanit to pay xlvj s. viij d., and to sitt tua dayis on the penitent stull.—The money is payit, and thai baith to mak humiliatioun.[1]

Confessio Guidfallo.

The quhilk day Dauid Guidfallow grantis that he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Jonet Broun. He hes payit four merkis for him and hir, in part of pament of the Act.—This iiij merkis is gevin to William Zuill for heling of tua puir barnis.

Confessio Carstaris, Cragow.

The quhilk day Jhone Carstairis maltman grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Agnes Cragow. He is ordanit to satisfie for his offence, and hes payit iiij merkis in part of pament of the Act for him and Agnes, and sche to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

Androw Sellar officiar ressavit xl s. for his fie.

The quhilk day Androw Sellar ressavit fourty s. for his last yeiris fie.

Die Mercurii, primo Novembris, 1592.

Bonkill, Sutherland.

The quhilk day, being appointit to Alexander Bonkill to present Issobell Sutherland, with quhome he sayis he hes gottin

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[1] The last clause has been altered, having originally run :—*and thai haif baith maid humiliatioun.*

ane barne in fornicatioun in Patrik Bonkllis hous in this citee, and also the said Patrik to schaw quhat diligens he hes done for presenting of the said Issobell, that triall may be takin of the barne quhilk sche hes born, and schatisfactioun[1] may be maid for the offence; nochttheles, nather conperit the said Alexander nor yit the said Patrik to that effect. The sessioun ordanit Patrik Bonkill to be warnit heirto and to schaw his diligens this day aucht dayis.

Die decimo quinto Novembris, 1592.

The quhilk day, being appointit to Patrik Bonkill, to schaw quhat diligens he hes done in presenting of Issobell Sutherland, quha hes born ane barn in fornicatioun to Alexander Bonkill as is allegit, conperit the said Patrik and maid certane allegeance for excusing of his diligens; bot becaus the sessioun wes nocht fullie convenit thai ordanit Patrik, present, warnit *apud acta*, to conpeir befoir thame this day aucht dayis to declair his diligence. Bonkill, Sutherland.

The quhilk day, Elspot Mwrray grantis sche hes borne ane barne in fornicatioun to James Adamsoun, son to umquhill Mr. Patrik Adamsoun, quhilk wes gottin in the hiche chalmer in the said umquhill Mr. Patrikis ludgeing in St. Androus, aucht dayis befoir Candilmes last wes, and that sche hed oftimes to do with him. The sessioun ordanit the said James to be warnit to ansuer to the said dilatioun this day aucht dayis. *Confessio* Mwrray, Adamsoun.

The quhilk day, anent the bill of complant gevin be Grissell Clapen upon Mr. Thomas Broun hir spous, makand mentioun that quhair thai haif bein laidfullie mariit and thairfor the said Mr. Thomas aucht and suld interteine hir and keip cumpanie with hir in bed and buird, as becummis him of his dewete, nochttheles the said Mr. Thomas aganis all equite hes detenit and abstractit his persoun fra the said Grissell and hir societe thir xxxvj owkis last bipast, and nather adheris to hir in bed nor buird, nor gevis hir ony thing quhairon to sustein hir self and hir barne; bot he keipis cumpanie and societie Complant on Mr. Thomas Broun, Clapen.

[1] *Sic.*

with Martha Ferny, Lady Kilquhis, nicht and day, to the great dishonour of God, the said Grissellis great displeasour, and sklander of this congregatioun, as the said bill producit befoir the sessioun at mair lenth contenis. The sessioun ordanit Androw Sellar officiar to pas with all diligence [to the said Mr. Thomas to warn him][1] to adheir to the said Grissell in bed and buird, as becummis ane mariit man with his wyffe, and if he failyeis, upon the said officiaris vereficatioun of his warning, and the said Grissellis vereficatioun of his refusall, that he be excommunicat Sonday nixttocum; and in the mane tyme to warn him to conpeir to ansuer befoir the sessioun this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, xxij° Novembris, 1592.

Ordinance to Patrik Bonkell, Sutherland.

The quhilk day, being appointit to Patrik Bonkill to schaw quhat diligens he hes done in presenting of Issobell Sutherland, quha hes born ane barne as is allegit in fornicatioun to Alexander Bonkll, conperit the said Patrik, and declarit that he past to the said Issobell to Souther Fawfeild, and solistit hir to conpeir befoir the sessioun to gif hir declaratioun in that mater as wes desyrit; bot sayis that the said Issobell refusit to conpeir, quhil sche wes advisit with hir freindis, becaus sum membris of this session hed sklanderit hir in Perth, and that sche wes also sklanderit with the said Patrik him self; and that he requestit hir maist ernestle to conpeir, bot sche refusit for the causis foirsaid. The sessioun, being advisit with the said Patrikis ausuer, findis the diligens that he hes done nocht sufficient, and that his voluntar promis maid to the session to do diligens [is][1] sufficient to astrict him to do forder diligens. Thairfor thai haif ordanit the said Patrik Bonkle to sers[2] and seik quhair Issobell Sutherland is, and to caus hir conpeir befoir this sessioun and declair the treuth of the dilatioun; and, if sche refusis, to purches lettres of the Presbittrie or sessioun, quhair sche is and remanis, to caus hir conpeir, and to produce the said lettres execut to that effect this day xxj dayis.

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[1] Omitted. [2] Search.

The quhilk day, at the humill suit of Mwngo Fortoun, wobstar, adultrar with Cristene Alane, desirand the barne procreat betuix thame to be baptizit, the session ordanit the barne to be baptizit, he first findand sufficient cautioun, under pane of fourty ℔b., to satisfie the kirk for his adulterie. Fortoun, Alane.

Die xxiiij^to^ Novembris, 1592.

The quhilk day, Dauid Gourlay, wobstar in this citee, bindis and oblissis him, his aris executouris and assinis, as cautionar and souerte for Mwngo Forton, that the said Mwngo sall satisfie for his adulterie with Cristene Alane, at the discretion of the kirk and sessioun of St. Androus, under pane of fourty ℔b., to be payit to the minister elderis and deaconis of St. Androus, to the use of the puir; and Mwngo oblissis him, his airis executouris and assinis, to warrand and releif the said Dauid and his foirsaidis of the premissis. And baith the said Dauid and Mwngo ar content thir presentis be registrat in the commissaris buikis of St. Androus, and hes tuichit the pen with thair handis, and gevin command to me, notar publict under writin, to subscrive thir presentis for thame, becaus thai culd nocht wret thame selfis, in presens of Jhone Pittillok officiar, Jhone Hwniman baxter, Dauid Watson mailmaker, witnes requirit heirto. *Obligatio Dauidis Gourlay, Fortoun.*

Ita est Carolus Watsoun notarius publicus in premissis ex mandatis dicti Dauidis Gourlay et Quintigerni Fortoun requisitus[1] manu sua subscribitur.

Die Mercurii, sexto Decembris, anno lxxxxij^o^.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Nicholsoun and Alesoun Anstroyer, as thai quha[2] ar warnit to this day to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis thame, bering thai haif hed carnall copulatioun and to haif kepit cumpanie to gidder nicht and day in this citee, to the dishonour of God and sklander of this congregatioun. The said dilatioun being laid to the said Alexanderis charge, [he][3] expreslie denyis the samyn; bot the *Confessio* Anstroyer, Nicholsoun.

[1] *Requisitis* in MS. [2] *Quh* in MS. [3] Omitted.

said Alesoun, being examinat thairupon be hir self alane outwith the said Alexanderis presens, grantis sche hes knawin the said Alexander carnale, and spetiale upon Sonday last wes in the place of Kinkell. The sessioun ordanit the said Alexander to advis, and to be re-examinat befoir he be mariit with Alesoun.

Die Veneris, xv^to^ Decembris, lxxxxij^o^.

Confessio Sutherand,[1] Bonkill.

The quhilk day, conperit Issobell Sutherland, quha grantis sche hes born ane madin barne in fornicatioun to Alexander Bonkill, with quhom sche is delatit, and that sche hed to do with him quhen the barn wes gottin about Alhallowmes wes ane yeir; and that he hed diveris tymes to do with hir about the samyn tyme in Patrikis writing chalmer, and that sche hed nevir ado with him bot in that samyn chalmer, and in na uther place; and sayis that Alexander Bonkll geif hir ane pece of gold at midsymmer wes ane yeir, quhen he com first to St. Androus, under promis of mariage, and that he geif hir ane fourty s. pece at the tyme quhen the barne wes gottin. Baith the parteis being present grantis the promis of mariage, and that thai ar willing to performe the samyn be the advis of freindis. Thai ar ordanit to satisfe as fornicatouris for thair offence conforme to the ordour.

Die Mercurii, tertio Januarii, 1592.

Accusatio Arthour, Monipenny.

The quhilk day, William Arthour of Carnis being accusit upon the dilatioun gevin in aganis him that he hes hed carnall daill with Jane Monipenny, dochter to the Laird of Kingkell, and if sche hes born ony barnis, or if sche be with barn to him, he present denyis the haill dilatioun. The sessioun ordanit Jane to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis.

Admonitioun gevin to Thomas Carstaris and Charlis Kay to keip holy the Sabboth day.

The quhilk day, Thomas Carstaris smyth, Charlis Kay, and Dauid Kay his sone, being accusit befoir the sessioun for keping of Zuill day holy, and for nocht keping of the sermonis, and playing on the Sabboth day, confessit thair offences, and cravit

[1] *Sic.*

pardon at God and the sessioun for the samyn; and oblist thame nevir to keip Zuill day nor na uther superstitious day holy in tyme cuming, and to keip the sermonis and prayaris on the Sabboith day, and to keip the Sabboth day holy and nocht to play theiron in tymes cuming, under panis contenit in the Actis of Parliament maid theiranent.[1]

Die decimo mensis Januarii, 1592.

The quhilk day, Jhone Wilsoun in Cassindonat grantis that Bessy Quheit hes born ane barne to him in fornicatioun, and that he hes knawin hir carnalie sensyne. He hes payit iiij ℔. in part of pament for his and Besseis impressoment. Thai ar ordanit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Wilsoun, Quheit.

The quhilk day, James Neilsoun grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun[2] with Margret Bell, quhilk wes gottin in Ladeddy. Margret is now duelling with Jonet Scott in Clarmonth. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour, and Margret to conpeir to that effect, quhen sche beis convalescit of hir present disais. *Confessio* Neilsoun, Bell.

The quhilk day, Jhone Gray smyth oblissis him of his awin fre will to keip holy the Sabboith day, and to keip prayaris and sermonis, and nocht to work labour nor play thairon; and also oblissis him nevir to keip idoll dayis, sic as Zuill day, nor *Obligatio Joannis Gray.*

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[1] 'December 28, [1592]. The quhilk day, &c., compeirit M. Dauid Russell and Andro Ramsay balleis and gave in a complaint upon certane disobedient and inordinat persounes, quho—aganis the law of God, admonitioun of their pastour, and thair command—superstitiouslie refraned fra labour on Zuile day, sum of tham adding also reprochefull language unto tham being magistrates. The most part of tham compeirand protested that thei did nocht acknawlege ony holines in that day, moir then ony uther day, nether yit that thei did hailely abstine from wark that day; bot nocht having mikle ado thei past to their pastyme in the feildis and uther places, &c., for the quhilk if thei had faulted thei wald submitt tham selfis to the judgement of the Presbitrie. Utheris, and speciallie Jhonne Deas and William Deas his brother, being moir stubburne and standing to the justifeing of it, was ordanit to compeir againe this day aucht dayis, as also utheris quhois names suld be gevin up be the bailleis' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). It does not appear that the Presbytery took further action in the matter. Johne Days smith was one of those dealt with by the session nineteen years before for a similar offence (*supra*, p. 390).

[2] The words *grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun* are repeated.

uther superstitious dayis holy, but only the Sabboth day, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

Confessio Symmer, Berclay.

The quhilk day, Margret Symmer grantis hir with barn to Dauid Berclay in Cassindonat, quhilk wes gottin in Craigton, in Androw Feries hous at Witsonday last wes. The said Dauid is ordanit to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Citatio Monipenny, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefiit that he hed warnit Jane Monipenny at the place of Kingkell, to conpeir this day, to ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir this day aucht dayis. The said Jane, being oftimes callit upon, laidfull tyme biddin, conperit nocht. The sessioun thairfor ordanit hir to be summond agane this day aucht dayis, and that intimatioun be maid thairof to hir father and mother, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun.

Die Mercurii, xvij° Januarii, 1592.

Citatio Monipeny, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar verefiit that he hed warnit Jane Monipenny for the secund tyme at the place of Kingkell, and that he maid intimatioun to hir father and mother thairof, conforme to the last Act, to haif conperit this day to haif ansuerit to the dilatioun, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun. The said Jane, being oftimes callit, laidfull tyme biddin, conperit nocht. The session thairfor, being informit the said Jane wes nocht absent fra Kingkell, ordanit hir to be warnit agane to this day aucht dayis, under [pane of][1] publict admonitioun.

Die Mercurii, xxiiij° Januarii, 1592.

Citatio Monipeny, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefiit that he hed warnit Jane Monipeny to this day, for the thrid tyme, under [pane of][1] publict admonition. Sche lykwyis conperit nocht: thairfor the session ordanit hir to be publicle summond Sonday nixttocum, to conpeir this day aucht dayis to ansuer to the dilatioun, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

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[1] Omitted.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Nicholsoun and producit ane testimoniall, bering him and Alesoun Anstroyer to be thryis proclamit in Coupar be Mr. Adam Michell, and thairfor desyrit thair marage to be solemnizat conforme to the ordour. The sessioun ordanit thame the day of thair mariage, befoir the solemnizatioun thairof, in presens of the peipill convenit for the tyme, to sitt doun on thair kneyis and ask God and the concregatioun [2] forgevines, for carnall copulatioun confessit be the said Aleson, and for keping cumpanie in hous to gidder in this citee sen thair contract sklandrosle eftir admonitioun.

Ordinance aganis Alexander Nicholsoun [1] and Aleson Andstroyer.

The quhilk day, Issobell Laing grantis hir with barn to Patrik Wod in Craill, quhilk wes gottin in Niniane Woddis hous in Craill, xv dayis befoir Michaelmes last wes. The sessioun ordanit hir to depart this citee with all diligens, and report testimoniall that sche hes satisfeit the kirk of Craill for the said offence.

Confessio Laing, Wod.

The quhilk day, Elspot Lyell grantis sche is with barn to James Broun, servitour and prenteis to Jhone Greg baxter, quhilk wes gottin in Jhonis hous xv dayis efter Michaelmes last wes; and that this is the secund barn sche hes gottin in fornicatioun. The sessioun ordanit James Bron to be warnit to ansuer thairto this day aucht dayis. Elspot warnit heirto *apud acta.*

Confessio Lyell, Broun, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Cristene Alane adultrice is ordanit to begin hir repentance on Sonday nixttocum, in sec claith, at the kirk dur to stand fra the secund bell to sermon quhill [3] the thrid bell be cessit, and thaireftir to cum to the hichest gre of the penutent stull, and sitt quhill the blessing be gevin efter sermon, and sa to continew quhill the kirk be satisfeit, conforme to the ordour, and for adulterii with Mwngo Fortoun manifestit be procreatioun of ane cheld.

Injunctionis gevin to Cristene Alane adultrice.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Margret Mane to be publicle [4] summond Sonday nixttocum, becaus sche hes bein mony divers tymes warnit befoir and conperit nocht, to ansuer to the dilatioun of fornicatioun with Stevin Lawsoun.

Ordinance aganis Margret Mane.

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[1] *Nicholsounun* in MS.
[2] *Sic.*
[3] *Quhilk* in MS.
[4] *Publile* in MS.

Die Mercurii, ultimo Januarii, 1592.

The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Zuill,[1] prechear of the Evangell

[1] In January 1591-2, the parishioners of Largo wished to have Zuill for their minister; and on the 17th of next month the Presbytery resolved to inform them that they found him 'indewit with guid qualeteis,' and on their 'making of provisioun to him thai will conclud his tryall'; while on the 17th of March they determined to chide the Largo folks, for 'not sending ane resolut ansuer to the Presbitrie anent the provisioun of the young man, Mr. Robert Zwill.' But these fickle sheep had already cast their longing eyes after another shepherd. On the 14th of May, 1592, the Presbytery ordered 'Mr. Jhon Authinlek to desist fra preching in the kirk of Largow for ony manis requeist, quhill Mr. Robert Zwill ather be admittit minister of the said kirk or ellis refuisit for ane lauchfull caus, becau[s] he is under tryall presentlie; and thairfoir ane writting to be directit t[o] the parochineris of Largow to compeir this day aucht dayis, to schaw if thai have ony ressonable caus to reject the said Mr. Robert Zwill.' Two months later the Presbytery consented 'to proceid to try M. Jhonne Authinleck to be thair minister'; and, on the 10th of August, appointed three of their number 'to travell with the parochineris of Largow that ane provisioun be maid to M. Johnne Authinlek.' On the 2d of November 1592, 'Comperit M. Robert Zuile, and produceit twa presentaciones to the vicarage of Sanctandrois, ane desyring him to be tryed and admittit as reader, the uther as minister. The Presbitrie, efter lang reasoning, thowcht gud to be farder advysit twiching the forme of his admissioun; and in the mean tyme ordanes ane edict to be publishit on Sonday nixtocum opinlie, in the presens of the congregatioun, befoir none, chargeing the parochinaris of St. Androis all and sindrie, both in brugh and land, that hes ony thing to object aganis the said M. Robertis lyf or doctrine that may inhable him from beiring functioun in the Kirk of God, and quhy he suld noth be admittit to the vicarage and dewties thairof, to compeir befoir the Presbytre of St. Androis on Thurisday nixtocum.' The edict having been returned, duly executed and indorsed, and no one appearing to object, the Presbytery, on the 9th of November, ordained that he should teach next Sabbath afternoon in the presence of the whole congregation; and that in the forenoon they should be peremptorily charged to appear next Thursday, to give their allowance or disallowance. On the 16th, 'No man ether in brugh or land compeirand to object aganis M. Robert Zuiles lyf or doctrine, the brithren, efter lang reasoning and deliberatioun concerning the forme of his admissioun, hes concludit and ordanit that the said M. Robert be admittit readar, and to use the gift of exhortatioun: he promising to be farder employed in the ministrie as the Presbitre sall think gud to employ him.' On the 23d of the same month, the Presbytery 'ordanes M. Robert Zuile readar to solemnize the bannes of mariage and to resave the buike thairof.' He desired the Presbytery, on the 22d of March 1592-3, to appoint some of the brethren to design a manse and glebe for him, but the matter was delayed until there should be a larger meeting. On the 5th of April 1593, the Presbytery 'ordanes Mris. Dauid Mernis, Robert Buchanan, or any ane of thame, to give designatioun to Mr. Robert Zuile of the vicare of St. Andros mans and yaird, and that according to the Act of Parliament maid thairanent in all pointes' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

at St. Androus, producit ane summondis dewle execut be him upoun Sonday last wes aganis Jane Monipenny, dochter to the Laird of Kingkell, to haif conperit this day, to haif ansuerit to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir, to witt, that sche hes borne ane barne alreddy to William Arthour of Carnis, and that sche is presentle with ane uther barne to him or sum utheris. Conperit the said Laird of Kingkell and excusit hir absens, saying, that sche is presentle in cumpanie with the Comptes of Crawfurd, and thairfor desyrit continewatioun of forder publict summoning of hir quhill this day xv dayis, at the quhilk day he promist on honour and creideit to caus hir conpeir. To the quhilk desyre the [sessioun][1] consentit, with certificatioun, if sche failyeit, thai wald proceid aganis hir conforme to the ordour. *Citatio* Monipeny, Arthour.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Pa. Arthour and his wyffe to be warnit to this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the contentis of the Act maid the xv of Januar 1591. Arthour, Monipenny.

The quhilk day, Cristene Hound is ordanit to pay xl s. in part of pament of the Act, and to mak humiliatioun Sonday nixttocum. Hound.

The quhilk day, James Broun grantis carnall copulatioun with Elspot Lyell, and that Elspot intysit him and com to his bed quhen he wes slepand. He is ordanit to pay xl s. in part of pament of the Act and to mak humiliatioun. *Confessio* Broun, Lyell.

Die Mercurii, septimo Februarii, 1592.

The quhilk day, Robert Kynnynmonth, son to William Kynnynmonth in Baldony, grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Jssobell Joly, quhilk wes gottin in the said William hous in Baldony, at Witsonday last wes. The sessioun ordanit the woman to conpeir and confes lykewyis, and thaireftir thai baith to be ressavit to humiliation. *Confessio* Kynnynmonth, Joly.

The quhilk day, Margret Stevinsoun grantis sche is with barn to Androw Greif marinell,[2] quhilk wes gottin at Lammes last wes in Cathrin Zoungis hous, in hir bed in the nycht. This is the secund barne sche hes gottin in fornicatioun. Sche is ordanit to be xv dayis impressonit, and to be forder *Confessio* Stevinson, Greif.

[1] Omitted. [2] Mariner.

punisit at discretion of the majestratis and session. Androw Greif to be warnit, quhen God sendis him hame, to ansuer to the dilatioun.

Die Mercurii, xiiij^to^ Februarii, 1592.

Citatio Monipeny.

The quhilk day being appointit to Alexander Monipenny of Kingkell to caus Jane Monipenny his dochter conpeir and ansuer to the dilatioun gevin in aganis hir, conforme to the Act maid thairupon the last of Januar last wes; becaus the said Jane conperit nocht, the sessioun ordanit [hir][1] to be publicle summond Sonday nixttocum, to this day aucht dayis, for the secund publict admonitioun, under pane of excommunicatioun.

Confessio Watsoun, Samuell [Boyart].

The quhilk day, Margret Watsoun grantis hir with barne to Samuall Boyart, student in the Auld College, quhilk wes gottin on the grein forgane the New Jnnis in the Abbay, at latter Marie day last wes; and the nixt tyme sche hed to do with him wes at William Lowsonis croft xv dayis eftir Michaelmes last wes. [It is ordanit][1] to warn the said Samuall to conpeir this day aucht dayis.

Confessio Greif, Moreis.

The quhilk day, Elspot Greif grantis hir with barne to Thomas Moreis, son to Jhone Moreis, quhilk wes gottin in Jhone Moreis hous about Lammes last wes, and that sche hes hed four tymes to do with him. The sessioun ordanit him to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis.

Mwngo Fortoun ressavit.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit Mwngo Fortoun, adulterar with Cristene Alane, to be ressavit to humiliatioun upon Sonday nixttocum, and he hes willinglie deliverit xx s. to the use of the puir; and Cristene to continew in humiliatioun quhill the kirk be satisfeit.[2]

Die Mercurii, xxj^o^ Februarii, 1592.

The quhilk day, Jhone Creiche, duelling in New Biging of

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[1] Omitted.

[2] '*Februarii* 14, [1592-3]. . . . Compeirit Mungo Fortownn, adulterair dwelling within the townn of St. Androis, and, having satisfeit for his adulterie according to the ordour, upoun his ernest sute and request wes resavit in the bosome of the Kirk' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

Kynnaldy, grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Jonet Wallace, at Witsonday last wes. The sessioun ordanit [him][1] to conpeir this day aucht dayis, and to caus[2] the said Jonet conpeir with him, and ressaif thair injunctionis. *Confessio* Creiche, Wallace.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit George Gilcrist at his humill suit to be ressavit to humiliatioun, for adulterie with Cristene Kynnynmonth, becaus he hes sittin in sec claith upon the penitent stuill xiiij oukis ilk Sonday immediatle bigane, and hes frele deliverit to the box of the puir xx s. And Dauid Gourlay is oblist caution to pay uther xx s. for him, betuix this and Lammes nixttocum, to the said box. And the sessioun ordanis him to be present ilk day heireftir at the prayaris and to heir the Word in signe of his humiliatioun.[3] George Gilcrist adulterar ressavit. *Obligatio* Gourlay, Gilcrist.

The quhilk day, Issobell Joly grantis hir to haif borne ane barne to Robert Kynnynmonth in Kynnynmonth in fornicatioun, quhilk Robert hes alreddy confessit. The sessioun ordanit thame to pay iiij ℔. for thair impressoment, in part off pament of the Act, and to satisfe publicle[4] Sonday nixttocum. *Confessio* Kynnynmonth, Joly.

The quhilk day, Beatrix Weland grantis hir with barne to William Staig baxter, quhilk wes gottin at Michaelmes in his fatheris hous in this citee. [It is ordanit][1] to warn Staig to ansuer this day aucht dayis. Beatrix confessis this is the thrid falt sche hes committit. *Confessio* Weland.

The quhilk day, Thomas Moreis grantis he hes knawin Elspot Greif carnale tua sindry tymes, bot denyis the barn to be his barn. He is ordanit to satisfie for the samyn; and, becaus he is now thryis relapis in fornicatioun, to pay for his impressoment vj ℔. money, in part of pament of the Act of Parliament, and sitt thre sindry dayis upon the penitent stull. *Confessio* Moreis, Greif.

The quhilk day, Samuall Boyer, Franscheman, grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Margret Watsoun. He is ordanit to satisfe xl s. and to mak publict humiliatioun. *Confessio* Boyer, Watsoun.

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[1] Omitted. [2] *To caus to* in MS.

[3] '*Februarii* 21, 1592. . . . Comperit George Gilchryst adulterair dwelling in St. Androis, and, having satisfeit for his offence according to the ordour, wes resavit in the bosome of the Kirk' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

[4] *Publile* in MS.

Die Mercurii, ultimo Februarii, 1592.

Confessio Mwir, Drummond.

The quhilk day Dauid Mwir and Cathrin Drummond confessis thai haif knawin utheris carnalie befoir thair contract. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie thairfor as fornicatouris conforme to the ordour.

Confessio Wallace, Creiche.

The quhilk day, Jonet Wallace grantis that sche is with barn to Jhone Creiche in Newbiging of Kynnaldy, as Jhone hes alreddy confessit. Thai [ar ordanit][1] to pay xl s. in part of pament of the Act, and to mak humiliatioun, &c.

Confessio Lawsoun, Wilsoun.

The quhilk day, Agnes Lawsoun grantis hir with barn to James Wilson, quhilk wes gottin in his barn viij dayis eftir Mertimes last wes, and that he hed oftimes to do with hir. James [is ordanit][1] to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

Monipeny, Arthour.

The quhilk day, conperit Jane Monipenny, quha, being accusit upon the dilatioun in the Act maid the last of Januar last wes, denyis the haill dilatioun; and als that sche never knew William Arthour carnale. The sessioun ordanit forder triall to be takin of the treuth herin, and Jane to be present this day aucht dayis to that effect.

Die Mercurii, vij° Martii, 1592.

Confessio Saig,[2] Weland.

The quhilk day William Staig[2] grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Beatrix Weland. He [is ordanit][1] to pay xxx s., and to be impressonit, &c.

Confessio Wilsoun, [Lawsoun].

The quhilk day James Wilsoun grantis carnall daill with Agnes Lawsoun. He hes payit xl s. in part of pament of the Act, [and is ordanit][1] to mak humiliatioun. The first tyme that he knew hir wes thre dayis befoir St. Androus day last.

Die Mercurii, xiiij^to^ Martii, 1592.

Confessio Wilsoun, Monipenny.

The quhilk day, Elene Wilsoun grantis hir with barne to Jhone Monipenny, quhilk wes gottin in Jhone Monipenneis chalmer[3] in St. Androus, sex owkis befoir Lammes last wes; and this is the secund barne he hes gottin with hir. The

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[1] Omitted. [2] *Sic.* [3] *Halmer* in MS.

session ordanit Jhone to be warnit heirto this day aucht dayis.

The quhilk day Dauid Berclay grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Margret Symmer in Craigton. [He is ordanit][1] to satisfie conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Berclay, Symmer.

The quhilk day, Thomas, George, [and][1] Jonet Mwffett, James Lowry, George Zoung, William Knowis, witnes, ressavit suorn and examinat upon the dilatioun betuix William Arthour [and][1] Jane[2] Monipeny, deponis thai knaw na thing bot be report, except James Lowry knawis that Patrik Blyth convoyit Jane Monipeny fra Kingkell away to sum uther place tua sindry tymes, sen Candilmes last wes. And Patrik Blayth, being callit, witnes, refusit to mak faith and to depone. The sessioun thairfor ordanit him to returne and depone this day aucht dayis. Witnes, Arthour, Monipenny.

Die Mercurii, xxviij° Martii, 1593.

The quhilk day Androw Greif grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Margret Stevinsoun. Becaus he is relapis he is ordanit to pay iiij ℔., in part of pament of the Act, and to mak humiliatioun twa sindry Sondayis. *Confessio* Greif, Stevinson.

The quhilk day Jhone Monipenny grantis he hes gottin ane barin in fornicatioun with Elene Wilsoun. Becaus he is relapis, and he grantis he payit iij ℔. for the first falt, he is ordanit to pay vj ℔. for this fault and mak humiliatioun tua sindry Sondayis. *Confessio* Monipeny, Wilson.

The quhilk day, George Burn, accusit for haifing carnall daill with Cathrein Steill, denyis the samyn.—As also Cathrein purgis hir self thairof be hir denyall this day aucht dayis. Bwrn, Steill.

Die Mercurii, quarto Aprilis, anno lxxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, Cristene Sibbald grantis sche hes born ane barne in fornicatioun to Androw Powstay, Blabo, quhilk wes gottin in Henry Sibbaldis hous in Ladeddy, the owk eftir Fastronisevin last wes; and als that sche hes hed oftimes to do *Confessio* Sibbald, Powstay, Thomsoun.

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[1] Omitted. [2] *James* in MS.

with William Thomsoun in Ladeddy sensyne, the first tyme wes at Sanct James day befoir Lammes last wes. The sessioun ordanit to warn Androw[1] Powstay and William Thomson to ansuer to the dilatioun this day aucht dayis.

Die Mercurii, ix° Aprilis, 1593.

Confessio Carstaris, Andersoun.

The quhilk day Issobell Carstaris and Dauid Andersoun, being this day contractit, grantand carnall daill befoir, ar ordanit to satisfie as fornicatouris befoir thair mariage.

Sutherland, Bonkill.

The quhilk day, Issobell Sutherland conperit, and is ordanit to pay xxx s. for hir impressoment in part of pament, &c., for hir fornicatioun with Alexander Bonkill.

Confessio Powstay, Sibbald.

The quhilk day Androw Powstay grantis carnall daill with Cristene Sibbald. He is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour for the samyn.

Scott, Quheit, Wilson.

The quhilk day Cristene Scott is ordanit to satisfie for fornicatioun betuix hir and Alexander Broun; as also Bessy Quheit and Jhone Wilsoun in Cassindonat for fornicatioun conforme to the ordour.

Die xviij° mensis Aprilis, 1593.

Commissioneris to the Generall Assemblie.

The quhilk day, the sessioun of St. Androus, being convenit and eftir ernest incalling upon the holy name of God, hes, eftir dew consideratioun, nominat electit chosin Mr. Dauid Russell, balye, William Lermonth, Dane of Gild, Maister Robert Zuill, teachear of the Evangell, and Charlis Watsoun, scribe of the sessioun, or ony ane tua or thrie of thame, commissioneris for the said citee; and Jhone Meluill of Raith, Patrik Dudingston portioner of Kyncapill, Androw Wod of Straythwethy, George Ramsay of Langraw, and Mr. Jhone Aytoun of Kynnaldy, or ony ane tua thre or four of thame, commissioneris for the parrocheneris upon laun;[2] to conpeir in the Generall Assemble, to be haldin at the burth of Dunde, the xxiiij of Aprile instant; and thair to mak instance and suit for ordinar pastouris and ministeris, and for satling of ane

[1] Interlined over *Thomas* deleted.

[2] *Sic.*

soleit ministrie to the said kirk of St. Androus, conforme to the Act of the last Synnodall Assemblie, haldin at St. Androus in the lxxxxij yeiris; and to voit ressoun concluid and determing in all thingis with the said Assemblie, for outsetting of the glorie of God, mentinance of the trew religioun, and punishement of vice.[1]

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[1] On the 28th of April the General Assembly ordained and appointed 'Mr. David Black, minister of Sanct Androes, to discharge the duetie of a laufull ordinar pastour therin, in preaching the Word, ministratioun of the sacraments, and exercise of discipline, so farre as he is able to doe, according to the measure of his gifts that God hes bestowit on him: and to the intent that the said Mr. David may, with fruit and confort, travell in the said ministrie, the said Assemblie ordaines the said Mr. David to give in to the Presbitrie ther such things as he wald have furtherit and brocht to passe for the weill of the said congregatioun and ministrie therof: . . . unto the quhilk Presbitrie this [present] Assemblie grants and committs thair full power and authoritie for that effect. And because the said Mr. David is not able to entir in that charge alone, the said Assemblie hes nominat Mr. Robert Wallace, for the speciall meitt qualities they know to be in him, to be associat with the said Mr. David, as ane fellow labourer in the ministrie forsaid; givand full commissioun to the Presbytrie to try the consent of the haill towne and Universitie of Sanct Androes, concerning thair lyking of the said Mr. Robert to be associat in the ministrie, as said is; and finding no reasonable cause [alledgit and] verified againis the said Mr. Robert, in lyfe or doctrine, quherfor they sould not give thair consent and approbatioun to the said Mr. Robert, for the cause mentionat, bot the most part of the towne and Universitie consenting to his resait, the Generall Assemblie ordaines [the said Presbitrie] to associat and place the said Mr. Robert, fellow labourer in the ministrie of Sanct Androes, with the said Mr. David Black; and the said towne of Sanct Androes to pay the said fellow labourer his stipend thankfullie, according to the promise made in Synodall and Generall Assemblies. And in cace the most part of the said towne and Universitie consent not to the receiving of the said Mr. Robert, the Kirk gives libertie to the said Mr. David, with the advyce of the [said] towne, to choose ane brother of quhom they may both have lyking. And to the intent this ordour takin with the ministrie of Sanct Androes as is above sett downe, may be the better performit and settlit, the said Assemblie gives commissioun to Mrs. Robert Bruce [and] David Lindsay, conjunctlie and severallie, as thair adois and occasiouns may permitt, to visite the said kirk of Sanct Androes in thair returning from the Assemblie, and travell with the whole number of the said kirk, for putting of thair ministrie to ane peaceable stay and ordour; as also to sie that quhilk is decernit in this Assemblie concerning the landwart, to be forderit and brocht to pas, and for quyeting the estate of the towne. Mr. William Cock, commissioner, for the Provest, bailyies and counsell of the towne, dissassentit from the nominatioun of Mr. Robert Wallace' (*Booke of the Universall Kirk*, iii. 816, 817). The magistrates appear to have had a grudge against Wallace. On the 17th of February 1591-2, they had lodged a complaint against him with the Presbytery, which, on the 24th of March, was referred to the Synod (*Register of St. Andrews*

Admonition gevin to Wm. Zuill and Wm. Watsoun, barbouris.

The quhilk day, William Zuill and William Watsoun, callit befoir the session, ar admonisit in the name of God not to hald thair buith durris oppin, nor to work on the Sabboth day.

Ramsay, Balzairt.

The quhilk day, Bessy Ramsay grantis hir to be with barn to Jhone Balzart, Frenscheman, quhilk wes gottin in Dunde. Sche is ordanit to pas of the town within xlviij houris, and satisfie for hir offence quhair the samyn wes done.

Die secundo Maii, 1593.

Confessio Blair, Kynneir.

The quhilk day Jhone Blair saidler grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun in his fatheris hous with Elspott Kynneir. It is injonit to Jhone to caus Elspot conpeir this day aucht dayis, to ansuer to the dilatioun.

Presbytery). The municipal management of St. Andrews was not in the best hands. On the 24th of March 1592-3, its 'miserable estait' was brought before the Privy Council by the Provost, James Lermonth of Darsie, and his fellow-rulers. The bailies were—Mr. David Russell, Duncan Balfour, Mr. William Cok, and Andrew Ramsay; while William Lermonth was Dean of Guild. The matter in dispute was remitted to certain referees; but, as they gave no verdict, the Provost, bailies, and council (4th April 1593) craved that some other order might be taken. Now, however, they were not the only complainers, for Thomas Lundy, John Hagy, and other five hundred of the inhabitants, stated that 'the commoun guidis, rentis and patrimonie' of St. Andrews 'ar and hes beine delapidat, applyit and convertit to the privat usis and commoditie of certane particulair personis, for the maist part magistrattis of the same cietie.' The list of grievances which they wished redressed is of great length. They craved that order might be taken:—'First, that ane godlie and zelous minister and helpere be providit to Maisteris David Blak and Robert Yuile to this cietie, conforme to the ordinance of the Sinodole Assemblie, that we may have the sacramentis ministrat. *Item*, ane soleid ordour to be taine for the puires help and support in this cietie, that the servandis of God have na forder occasioun to compleine of our negligence. *Item*, to the effect that thir thingis may be performit, that the gift quhilk his Majesteis mother of guid memorie gaif to the toun of the Blak Freiris be producit, to the effect that Mr. David Russell may instantlie restoir to the toun four bollis quheit, quhilk he hes maist wranguslie and injustlie taine furth of the samin gift to himselff and his bairnis, and hes upliftit yeirlie sen the Reformatioun of Religioun the saidis four bollis quheit.' As before, the whole business was remitted to referees (*Register of Privy Council*, v. 56, 57, 61-64). As will be seen there was a local revolution six months later.

Die Mercurii, ix° Maii, 1593.

The quhilk day, Margret Geddy, dochter to umquhill Charlis Geddy, grantis sche hes borne ane barne in fornicatioun to Mr. George Leslie, for the quhilk Mr. George hes ellis satisfeit. Margret is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour. *Confessio Margarete Geddy.*

The quhilk day Issobell Gray and Alexander Wardlaw grantis they haif gottin ane barne in fornicatioun in Carnebe. Thai ar decernit to satisfie the kirk of Carnebe, and also this congregatioun, becaus the barne is born in this citee, and decessit heir without baptisme in thair default, nocht makand satisfaction and requiring baptisme. *Confessio* Wardlaw, Gray.

The quhilk day being convenit Mr. Androw Meluill, Rectour, Mr. Robert Wilkie, Principall of St. Leonardis College, Mr. Robert Zuill, William Muffett, Dauid Guidlaid, Dauid Dalgleis, Thomas Diksoun, Thomas Lundy, William Zuill, Thomas Blak, and Charlis Watsoun, elderis and deaconis of St. Androus, quha ar all content and aggreis with Mr. Robert Wallace to be follow helpar and minister in this citee with Mr. Dauid Blak, as he quha is recommendit to thame be the Generall Assemblie last haldin at Dunde, the xxiiij of Aprile last wes. And thai haif all consentit to pas to morn to the Presbitrie, to verefie [to][1] the samyn thair consent, and to desyre the Presbittrie with all diligens to tak ordour heirin, and to esteablis the said ministrie, and this congregatioun na langer frustrat of the preching of the Word and ministratioun of the sacramentis.[2] Anent the consenting to Mr. Robert Wallace to be follow helper in the ministrie.

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[1] Omitted.

[2] The Presbytery had already taken action. On the 3d of May:—'The brithren ordaines the said M. Robert Wallace to teach in the kirk of Sanctandros on Sonday nixtocum, in the efternone, and intimatioun openlie to be made out of the pulpit befoir none, concerning the ordinance of the Generall Assemblie, recommending the said M. Robert to be fellow helper in ther ministrie; requiring all and sindrie the inhabitantis of the townn of St. Andros that hes any thing to object aganis the said M. Robert, in lyf or doctrin, to comper befoir the Presbitrie the nixt Thursday, being the tent of Maii, to schaw the samin and reasoun thairof, and to give ather thair allowance or disallowance to the said M. Robert in the wark of thair ministrie' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). On the 10th of May, three different parties appeared before the Presbytery. Six of those named in the text as being present at the meeting of

Confessio Kynneir, Blair.

The quhilk day, Elspot Kynneir grantis sche hes born ane barne in fornicatioun to Jhone Blair, in Dauid Blairis hous in this citee. Sche is ordanit to pay xl s., in part of pament of the Act, and to mak humiliatioun.

Decretum contra Strang, Scott.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that Dauid Strang, the day of his mariage, mak publict humiliatioun for his inconstance, in nocht perfyting the promis of mariage first maid be him to Margret Scott.

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session, viz., William Muffat, Charles Watsoun, Dauid Dalgleisch, Dauid Gudlat, Thomas Dicsoun and Thomas Lundie, with Johnne Heghie, formed the first party. These appeared in name of the session 'and desyrit most ernestlie the Presbitrie to had hand to the establishing of thair ministrie in the persoune[s of] Maisteris Dauid Black and Robert Wallace.' The second party comprised Johnne Martine, Mr. Thomas Brownn, Alexander Schairpe, Arthure Milne, Johnne Zoung, and divers others, who appeared 'in name of the townn and communaltie of St. Andros, reporting to the Presbitrie the diligence of the said townn for obeying the ordinance of the Generall Assemblie according to the intimatioun of the Presbitri[e], and produceit for that effect a roll of the subscriptiounes of the most part of the inhabitantis for thair consent to Mr. Robert Wallace to be associat to M. Dauid Black in the ministrie.' The third party consisted of 'the Provest, baillies, Deane of Gild, Alexander Winstar, Thomas Lentroun, Patrik Guthrie, and sindrie utheris,' who dissented from Wallace's appointment; 'and culd give na uther reasoun of thair dislyking of him except the weaknes of his voice; and being demandit, quhidder if thei thame selfis, having thair settis so commodiouslie situat towardis the pulpitt, hard his voice or nocht, thei ansuerit, that for them selfis thei hard him weil yneugh, bot thei fearit that utheris quho satt farther of hard him nocht. And thir same quhom thei said hard nocht affirmed thame selfis that thei hard him weil yneugh.' The magistrates, 'and ther complicis disassentaris,' then alleged 'that the subscriptiounes and consentis of sic as agreit to him was onlie purchasit and beggit be the sinistrous informatioun of sic as delt privilie in that matter.' On inquiring thoroughly into this allegation the Presbytery found that it was baseless. After summoning all the inhabitants they could not find above thirty-three persons who dissented, and their only reason was 'the imbecillitie and waknes of his voice.' The next step which the magistrates and their party took was to protest, 'that thei suld on na wayes be halden to be ansuerable for a stipend to M. Robert Wallace.' The Presbytery afterwards consulted the masters and students of the New and Auld Colleges and found them all satisfied. David Lindesay, Moderator of the General Assembly, took part in these proceedings. At length, on the 24th of May, 'The brithren, efter lang delay and dealing with the Provest and balles of St. Andros and thair adherentis without any profite, thoucht gud to follow owt the Act of the Generall Assemblie, in appointing M. Robert Wallace to be fellow helper to Mr. Dauid Black; and thairfoir, finding na reasonable caus alledgit aganis the said M. Robert, and the most part of the townn and haill Universitie agreing thairto, ordaneit the said M. Robert, conforme to the said ordinance, to be fellow helpar to Mr. Dauid Black in the ministrie of St. Androis' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

Die penultimo mensis Maii, 1593.

The quhilk day, William Hay oblissis him of his awin fre will to sustein [*blank*] Hay his sone, gottin be him on Malie Kengzow, and releif Malie of his sustentatioun, and hald him at the scolis, and bring him up in godlines and vertew, at his power, in all tymes cuming. *Obligatio* Hay, Kengzow.

Die Mercurii, sexto Junii, 1593.

Quhilk day, Grissell Tueddell grantis hir with barn to Nicholl Smyth mariner, quhilk Nichol present confessis. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie thairfor conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Smyth, Tueddell.

The quhilk day Jhone Forester grantis he hes knawin Jonet Leis carnale befoir his contract with Margret Wilsoun. He hes payit xl s. and sall satisfe.[1] *Confessio* Forester, Leis.

Die Mercurii, xiij° Junii, 1593.

The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Zuill, William Muffett, Dauid Guidlaid, and Charlis Watsoun, ar appointit to pas to morn to the Presbittrie, to desyre the Act of the last Generall Assemble prosecuted and followit furth, in satling of the ministrie of St. Androus in the personis of Mr. Dauid Blak and Robert Wallace; and to report the Presbittreis ansuer heirof this day aucht dayis; and my Lord Rectour, Robert Wilke, and uthers, that ar membris baith of the Presbittre and sessioun, to concur and assist in this mater with the commissioneris.[2] Commissioner to the Presbittre *rij.*

The samyn day xx s. deliverit to Androw Sellar in part of pament of his fie. Sellar.

Die xx° mensis Junii, anno Domini j^m v^c lxxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Blak, minister of the citee of

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[1] *Satife* in MS.

[2] On the 14th of June, the Presbytery, after hearing the commissioners from the session, 'thoucht gud to continew' the matter for eight days; and in the meantime ordained the Act of the General Assembly to be inserted in the 'Presbitrie Buik.'

Artikills proponit be Mr. Dauid Blak for him self and in name of Mr.[1] Robert Wallace [*and Robert Zuill*—erased] to the session and bailyeis.

St. Androus, for him self and in name of Mr.[1] Robert Wallace [*and Robert Zuill*—deleted] follow laborar[2] with him in the said ministrie, proponit to the sessioun, and to Maisteris Dauid Russell, William Cok, and Androw Ramsay, bailyeis and majestratis of the said citee, this petitioun and artikle following: fforsamekill, as it heith plesit God of his mercy to offer to this our kirk of the citee of St. Androus teachearis, ansorabill in number to the undertakin of the charge, we haif tochit it our part to craif your worships assistance, how the wark may baith be takin in hand and prosecut, how as it micht best serve to the glorie of our God and gude of his kirk; quhilk, eftir dew advisment and jugement of the bretherin, we can nocht understand that utherwyis it may be accomplisched then by devyding of the citee into severale partis, appointing unto every teachear his awin congregatioun proportionablie, over the quhilk he may attend and watche upon all occasionis, that the Lordis pepill may grow in knawlege dalie, and lead a lyffe also aggreabill to the samyn in sum mesuire, as it sall pleis God to bles the labour takin upon [thame].[3] In the quhilk work we maist humlie craif your gude advisment and concurrance, that God amangis us may be glorifiit, and his jugementis (quhilk[4] be differring we haif procurit) may be turnit away from us, and his blessingis may be multipliit upon us, according to his manifald promisis in his Word, promisit and performit towardis all thame that haif socht the Lord unfanyetlie and zelouslie; nocht dowting of your gude acceptatioun and favorabill ansuer to this our petitioun. We commit yow to the protectioun and directioun of the Almychtie, our God, blessed for ever, amen. The saidis bailyeis ansuerit, that this forsaid petitioun and article is ane mater of great consequens, and thai culd do na thing thairin be thame selfis without advis of the consall; thairfor desyrit the samyn to be sett down in wreit, and the extract thairof deliverit to thame; and thaireftir thai suld convein the consall and gif gude ansuer thairto.[5]

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[1] *Mris.* in MS.

[2] Has been *laboraris.*

[3] Omitted.

[4] *Quhilkis quhilk* in MS.

[5] On the 21st of June—'Anent the following out of the Act of the Generall Assemblie for establisching of the minister (*sic*) of Sanctandros, Mr. Dauid Blak

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar is decernit, with his awin consent, to pay vj s. viij d. to the box of the puir, for ilk tyme that ony persoun salbe fund heireftir dryand dichtand or flaikand woll in the kirk yaird, drying or dichtand cornis, sawand treis, or doing ony uther wark and labour in the kirk yaird; or ellis to lift ane poind fra the transgressour

Ordinance on Andro Sellar.

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reported that he had spoken the magistrates; thei have tane forder to be advysit thairin' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). At the next weekly meeting, 'Mr. Dauid Blak reported that the Provest, balyies, and counsell of the town, had given no ansuer; bot that the sessioun had tane some ordour amonges thameselfis for devyding of the towne; and continewis till this day aucht dayis forder to be advysit thairintill.' On the 5th of July—'Anent the establisching of the ministrie of St. Andros, Mr. Dauid Blak reportit that the sessioun had tane up the names of the holl town of Sanctandros, and had devydit the same in thrie equal partis; and, becaus that Mr. Robert Wallace was apoyntit already be the Generall Assemblie to be fallow helper in the said ministre, desyrit Mr. Robert Zuile suld be requyrit if he wald accept a part of the burden. The said Mr. Robert craveit advysment till that day aucht dayes concerning the acceptatioun thairof' (*Ibid.*). This expression of the desire to obtain Zuile as a minister of St. Andrews, shows that his name had not been accidentally inserted in the entry in the text. It was probably struck out again because the desire was not carried into effect. On the 26th of July—'Anent the establisching of the ministrie of Sanctandros, it is concludit that, this day aucht dayes without forder delay, according to the divisioun of the town tane alreadilie (?), everie minister be severallie apoyntit to thair awin folkes.' On the 9th of August, 'The Presbitrie gives commissioun and authorizes Mr. Dauid Blak, Mr. Robert Wallace and Zuile, to convine the parochineris of St. Andros, and propone to thame in sick thinges as salbe expedient for the satling of thair ministrie.' A fortnight later, 'M. Robert Zuile produces certane reasones quhy he suld nocht be burdinet with a speciall number of the parochin of Sanctandros; and, he desyring ane new declaratour of his sufficiencie, the Presbitrie declairis him sufficient.' Subsequently an edict was published, charging all the parishioners of St. Andrews who had aught to object against Zuile to do so; but no objection was lodged. His 'swithering' was at last brought to an end. On the 13th of September, 'The questioun being movit, quhidder if Mr. Robert Zuile suld presentlie enter in the equal burden of the ministrie with Mr. Dauid Blak and Robert Wallace or to continow in exhortatioun as befor, efter reason it was concludit be pluralitie of voteis that he suld nocht presentlie enter in the equal burde[n], bot to continew in exhortatioun and catichesing of the pepill, as the sessio[un] and ministrie sall think most expedient; and ordanes Mr. Dauid Blak and Robert Wallace to exercis the office of the ministrie fullie, in teaching the Word and administratioun of the sacramentis and discipline' (*Ibid.*). As will be seen (*infra*, p. 757) Black and Wallace formally accepted the ministry of St. Andrews upon them on the 19th of September. In Scott's *Fasti*, ii. 398, Robert Zuill appears as the first and last occupant of the third charge of St. Andrews, and the 13th of September 1593 is given as the date of his admission; but the above extracts show that then he was only an exhorter.

worth vj s. viij d. Unlaw to be deliverit to the box of the puir.

Die x° Julii, 1593.

Confessio Studdart.

The quhilk day Thomas Studdart grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Effe Gardner. This is tua barnis he hes gottin in fornicatioun with hir. He is ordanit to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.

Die xxv^to Julii, 1593.

Thomas Zoung, Moreis.

The quhilk day Thomas Zoung grantis he hes gottin ane barin in fornicatioun with Maly Moreis. [It is ordanit][1] to warn Maly to ansuer this day aicht dayis.

Kay.

The samyn day Bessy Kay is ordanit to bring testimoniall that sche hes satisfeit for hir offens this day aucht dayis.

Die Primo Augusti, 1593.

Confessio Michell, Austeane.

The quhilk day, James Michell in Balelie grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Maly Austeane, quhilk wes gottin in the place of Straythvethy at Pasche last wes. Maly is ordanit to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

Die xv^to Augusti, anno nonagesimo tertio.

Confessio Michell, Austeane.

The quhilk day, Marioun Austeane grantis sche hes gottin [ane barne][1] in fornicatioun with Jaimes Michell, James being also present. James oblissis him to pay four merkis this day aucht dayis for thair impressoment, in part of pament of the Act of Parliament, and to satisfie[2] for thair offence conforme to the ordour.

Die xxij° Augusti, 1593.

Confessio Leiche, Scott.

The quhilk day, Elspott Scott grantis sche is with barn to Alexander Leiche, bastard sone to umquhill Dauid Leiche, in

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[1] Omitted.

[2] *Satifie* in MS.

Newtoun Kyncapill. [She then enters into details as to the times and places of sinning. Reference is made to the harvest 'this tyme tuelfmonth,' and also to the absence of 'Jhone Sowrdy hir maister' in Edinburgh 'aucht dayis befoir Peasche last wes.'] And all this wes under promis of mariage. Elspott is ordanit to satisfie presentle for hir said offence confessit be hir as ane *fornicatrix*, and nochtwithstanding to mak forder satisfaction, if utherwyis the mater be tryit; and Alexander to be warnit to ansuer to the dilatioun at his hame cuming fra Zetland.

The quhilk day Issobell Spens is ordanit to bring testimoniall of the Kirk of Craill that sche hes satisfeit for hir offence thair. Spens.

Die penultimo mensis Augusti, 1593.

The quhilk day, Issobell Spens producit the testimoniall, subscrivit be Dauid Maxwell redar and certane elderis at Craill, that sche hes satisfeit the kirk of Craill for getting of ane barn in fornicatioun with Jhone Cwninghame of West Barnis, and that the barn procreat betuix thame is baptizit. Production of the testimoniall of Issobell Spens.

Die xix° mensis Septembris, anno Domini j^m v^c nonagesimo tertio.

The quhilk day, eftir ernest incalling upon the holy name of God, and eftir lang advisment and mature deliberation hed, conperit Mr. Dauid Blak and Mr. Robert Wallace, quha willinglie acceptit the ministre of the citee of St. Androus in and upon thame, equalie and proportionalie, in precheing of the Word and ministratioun of the sacramentis and exerceis of discipline within this citee, conforme to the ordour and ressonabill conditionis to be sett down heireftir.[1] [Blak and Wallace accept the ministrie of St. Androus.]

Mr. David Blak
Mr. Robertt Wallace.

The quhilk day, conperit Jonet Scott and grantis hir with barn to Jhone Smart, quhilk wes gottin under promis of *Confessio* Scott, Smart.

[1] Black produced his conditions on the 12th of December. They will be found under that date.

mariage, as sche allegis in the said Jhonis presens. The said Jhone, being requirit to ansuer thairto, grantis carnaill daill with Jonet Scott, bot denyis ony promis of mariage maid be him to hir. The sessioun ordanit thame to satisfie for thair offence conforme to the ordour. As to the promis of mariage the said Jonet referrit the samyn to the said Jhonis aith *simpliciter*; and [the sessioun][1] ordanit him to conpeir this day aucht dayis to gif his aith thairupon.

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Die x° mensis Octobris, anno lxxxxiij°.

Confessio Duncansoun, Lentron.

The quhilk day, Jonet Duncansoun grantis hir with barn to Thomas Lentroun younger, quhilk wes gottin in Elene Jnglis hous, in the chalmer, in the nicht; the first tyme wes sex owkis befoir Witsonday last wes, and that the barn wes [then][1] gottin. The sessioun ordanit hir to satisfie, being now relapis; and to warn Thomas quhen he cummis hame, to ansuer to the dilatioun, [and][1] to warn Elene Jnglis to this day aucht dayis. And Margret Doitt hes borne ane barne in fornicatioun to Jhone Lowden: to satisfe conform to the ordour.

Doitt, Lowden.

Scott, Smart.

The quhilk day, conperit Jhone Smart as he that wes warnit to this day to gif his aith, conforme to the Act maid the xix day of September last wes, to witt, if he promist to marie Jonet Scott or nocht, and if the barn quhilk sche is presentlie with wes gottin be him under promis of mariage. The said Jhone, being requirit to gif his aith upon the premissis, refusit expreslie to do the samyn; and thairfor the sessioun haldis him *pro confesso*, in presens of the said Jonet Scott, protesting that he haif na licence to marie ane uther woman, quhill he first purge him of his said promis be his aith as said is.

Protestatio Scott.

Confessio Leiche, Scott.

The quhilk day, Alexander Leiche grantis carnall daill with Elspott Scott, and grantis the dilatioun gevin in be Elspot upon him the xxij of August last wes trew. He is ordanit to satisfie and hes payit xl s. in part of pament of the Act for his impressoment.

Die Mercurii, xxiiij^to mensis Novembris, 1593.

The quhilk day, being appointit to all parteis haifand

[1] Omitted.

interes, as thai that wer laidfullie warnit upon Sonday last wes, to conpeir this day to object aganis the nominatioun of elderis and deaconis, quha wer publicle red Sonday last wes in the kirk; and becaus nane conperit to object the sessioun ordanit the electioun to proceid, bot becaus the contentioun is presentlie in Edinburgh for the magistrace, nocht yit decidit, the sessioun continewis the electioun to this day aucht dayis quhill the magistra[tis] be present with the sessioun.[1]

Electioun of elderis and deaconis to proceid.

The quhilk day, Cathrin Mwrray, spous to Androw Piggett,

[1] The matter had been decided at Holyrood on the previous day, by the Convention of Estates, although the result had not yet reached St. Andrews. From the Act of Convention it appears that Letters had been raised 'at the instance of the auld Provest baillies and counsale of the citie of Sanctandrois, makand mentioun :—That quhair laitlie at the tyme of electioun of the magistratis of the said citie, the saidis complenaris, with certane of the maist honnest burgessis and inhabitantis thairof, haveing convenit thame selffis in the tolbuith of the same, off intentioun to have procedit to thair ordinair forme of electioun of magistratis according to the Actis of Burrowis and Parliament, appointing the auld Provest baillies and counsale to cheis the new, lippynning for na hinder nor impediment to have bene maid to thame thairin; nevirtheles it is of veritie that a grite nowmer of the rascall multitude inhabitantis of the said citie, sterit up be sum seditious and unquiet personis, convenit thame selffis togidder, and not onlie debarrit and stoppit the saidis complenaris to proceid in the said electioun, be boisting minassing dinging and misusing of sum of the honnest men assisting thame with thair vote, bot, in thair pretendit maner maist inordourly aganis the accustumat forme, and expres contrair the tennour of the saidis Actis of Burrowis and Act of Parliament, electit sic Provest baillies and counsale to beir office and charge within the said citie for the yeir tocum, as thay thocht meitast for mantenance and setting fordwart of thair seditious purpois; caryin thairwith a grite mutine toumult and divisioun within the said citie, to the disturbing of the publict estate thairof, and appeirand genering of forder trouble and inconvenient without remeid be providit.' The following pursuers were present at Holyrood :—'James Lermonth of Dersy auld Provest, Michaell Balfour, Alexander Winsister, and Johnne Forrett of Fingask.' Of the defenders there were :—'Maister Williame Murray, Mr. Dauid Auchmowtie eldair, Williame Moffett, and Johnne Smith.' After hearing both parties, and receiving the advice of certain Commissioners of Burghs, the King and Lords approved the election of the new Provost, bailies, and council, 'becaus the same electioun wes maid and done according to the forme practique and consuetude observit within the same citie in tyme bigane past memoir of man'; and therfor ordained them 'to be reverenceit acknaulegeit and obeyit as lauchfull magistrattis of the same citie, be the haill communitie and inhabitantis thairof, and uthiris his Hienes liegis, during the said space.' The usual proclamation was to be made at the market cross of St. Andrews and other places needful, that none might pretend ignorance; and the inhabitants were to be charged to reverence acknowledge and obey the new magistrates, 'undir all hiest pane cryme and offence

Confessio Mwrray, Lentroun.

in Montrois, declaris sche hes borne ane barne in adultrie to Thomas Lentroun, sone to Thomas Lentroun, citiner in St. Androus, quhilk wes gottin in hir awin hous in Montrois xv dayis befoir Candilmes last wes; the barne is now sex owkis auld, and wes borne in William Lowsonis hous in this citee. The sessioun ordanit hir to conpeir agane this day aucht dayis.

Die xxviij° mensis Novembris, 1593.

Electioun of eldaris and deaconis for this 1593 to proceid in this maner, to witt, the ane half removit sall chuis the uther half thairof, quhilkis ar also chosin and dividit as followis.

Maisteris Dauid Blak and Robert Wallace ministeris.

Elderis electit of the Universite.

Mr. Androw Meluill, Rectour of the Universite
Mr. Robert Wilkie, Mr. Principall of St. Leonardis College
Mr. Jhone Jhonestoun, maister in the New College
Mr. Homer Blair, maister in the Auld College
Mr. William Marche, maister in St. Leonardis College
Mr. James Ros, maister in the Auld College.

Elderis electit of the town.

Mr. William Mwrray of Pitcarleis, Provest of St. Androus
Schir George Dowglas of Elenehill, Knycht
George Halyburtoun, portioner of Kyncapill
Dauid Mwrray of Litill Ardeth
James Hay of Frwchie
Mr. Dauid Auchmowty, elder, bailye
William Mwffett, bailye
Jhone Martine, bailye
Jhone Wod, Dane of Gild
Mr. George Mernis, thesawrar

Elderis upon land.
Jhone Meluill of Raith
Dauid Kynnynmonth fear of that ilk
Patrik Dudingstoun portioner of Kyncapill

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that thay may committ and inrin aganis his Majestie in that behalff' (*Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, iv. 45, 46). See also *Register of Privy Council*, v. 107. It will yet be seen that peace and concord were not to be easily restored.

Androw Welwod
Dauid Guidlaid
William Zuill
Charlis Watsoun, scribe
Mr. George Narne
Mr. William Wemys
Dauid Dalgleis
James Scheves
Jhone Hagy
James Lentroun, skipper
Thomas Lundy
Thomas Diksoun.

Androw Wod of Straythwethy
Mr. Jhone Aytoun of Kynnaldy
Jhone Jnglis of Straythtyrum
George Ramsay of Langraw
Gavin Wemys of Vnthank
Jhone Smyth portioner of Balone
Attour the sessioun hes tocht gude to ad to upon land
James Wemys of Lathoker
Mr. Martine Carstrophein in Byrhillis.

Deaconis electit in the town.

Jhone Adamsoun, skipper
Jhone Smyth, deakin of the hammermen
Jhone Blyth, skipper
William Cowper
Robert Williamsoun
Jhone Budge
Thomas Craig
James Bryde, mercheand
James Leiche
Dauid Lentroun
Robert Zuill
Walter Ramsay.

Deaconis upon land.

Dauid Carstaris in Lambelethame
Jhone Zoung in Byrehillis
Thomas Carstaris in New Grange
Jhone Dewar of Goikston Miln
Dauid Thomsoun portioner of Balone
Alexander Rind in Kyncapill
Thomas Pattoun in Eister Balrymonth
James Scott in Ladeddy.

Die quinto mensis Decembris, 1593.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deaconis befoir writin ratifiit and apprivit the actis and statutis maid in this buik the first of November lxxij yeiris, and all utheris actis and statutis maid thairin, promising to observe and keip the samyn. Ratificatioun of the actis and statutis.

The quhilk day, the haill town, with the advis and consall of the magistratis consall and sessioun, is dividit in twa partis, to witt, the haill Sowth Gait on baith the sydis, wyth Argyle Gait, the Kirk Wynd, Logeis Wynde, the Baikhous Clois, with the Huikstar Wynd north on baith the sydis to the Merkat Gait. Divisioun of the town in tua partis. To the sowth half Mr. Robert Wallace minister.

and eist about the nuke to Schir George Dowglasis ludgeing, except samekle as belangis to St. Leonardis parroche, for the ane half of the town. And to the samyn half Mr. Robert Wallace, with advis foirsaid, is appointit minister and pastour. And to the greatar honour and service of God, and for help and releif of the said Mr. Robert Wallace, the said half of the town is dividit agane in maner following, and thir personis elderis and deaconis underwritin ar appointit wachemen visitouris and attendaris upon the maneris lyffe and conversatioun of the pepill, ilk ane haifand ane particular part appointit to thame, in maner following: viz., ffra the parroche kirk eist, including thairin the haill Kirk Wynd and Baikhous Clois, to Patrik Guthereis ludgeing, Dauid Mwrray, Dauid Guidlaid and William Cowpar, ar appointit. And fra Patrik Guthereis hous eist—including thairin Scottis Clois, the Hukstar Wynd to the eist end of the Merkat Gait—on the north syde, eist to Schyr George Dowlglas ludgenis, ar appointit the said Schir George Dowglas, George Haliburtoun, Thomas Diksoun and Jhone Adamsoun. And fra the Eist Burn Wynde, including thairin the west syde of the Eist Burn Wynde, the haill West Burn Wynd, and sa west to umquhill Mr. Martine Geddeis ludgeing, ar appointit Mr. Dauid Auchmowty bailye, Mr. George Narne and Robert Zuill. And fra Logeis Wynde west, including thairin the said wynd, west to Jhone Hageis hous, ar appointit Jhone Martine bailye and James Bryde. And fra Jhone Hageis hous west to Dauid Gardneris hous, ar appointit Jhone Hagy and Thomas Craig. And fra Mr. Martine Geddeis hous west to the Port, ar appointit Dauid Dalgleis and Thomas Lundy. And fra the Port west to the west end of Argaill, ar appointit Mr. George Mernis and Jhone Smyth deakin.

Divisioun of the towin in twa partis. To the north half Mr. Dauid Blak minister.

To the secund half of the town thair is the haill Merkat Gait with the New Clois; the haill North Gait with the College Wynde, Mottois Clois, Jaksonis Clois; the haill Fischear Gait, with the Hukstar Wynde on baith the sydis to the end of the Merkat Gait, and Fowill Waist. And Mr. Dauid Blak is appointit minister thairto with advis foirsaid. And the samyn half is dividit in maner following, and the personis eftir specifiit ar appointit wachemen visitouris and attendaris upon the maneris lyffe and conversatioun of the pepill, ilk ane haifand

ane particular part appointit to thame to that effect, as followis. That is to say, ffra the Kirk Wynd and College Wynde west to the Merkat Gait Port on baith the sydis of the gait, ar appointit William Muffat bailye and Charlis Watsoun scribe. And fra the College Wynde eist to the end of the Merkat Gait on the north syde thairof, ar appointit Mr. Robert Zuill and James Leiche. Fra the Kirk Wynd eist to the eist end of the Merkat Gait, including thairin the New Clois, ar appointit Jhone Wod, William Zuill, Androw Welwod. To the haill College Wynd, and west the North Gait on the sowth syde to the Port, ar appointit Mr. William Wemys and James Scheves. And fra the North Gait Port eist to James Lentronis hous ar appointit James Hay, Jhone Budge and Mr. James Ros. And fra James Lentronis hous eist to Jhone Blythis hous, including thairin the haill Fischer Gait, ar appointit James Lentroun and Jhone Blyth. And fra Michell Smythis hous west on the sowth syde of the gait to the College Wynde, including thairin the Fowill Waist and Jaksonis Clois, ar appointit Walter Ramsay, Robert Williamsoun and Dauid Lentroun.

Deaconis appointit in ilk quarter for distributioun of the puir folkis almois.

Jhone Adamsoun William Couper Robert Zuill, for the quarter be eist the kirk.	Thomas Craig James Bryde Jhone Smyth, for the quarter be west the kirk.
Robert Williamsoun James Leiche Walter Ramsay, for the Merkat Gait.	Jhone Budge Jhone Blyth Dauid Lentroun, for the North Gait.

Precheingis ordanit to be four tymes in the owk.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit and divisit be the sessioun that Mr. Dauid Blak sall preche the Word of God owklie[1] heireftir, God willing, ilk Fryday, and Mr. Robert Wallace ilk Weddins-

[1] *Owlie* in MS.

day, and that thai preche upon Sonday befoir none and eftir none, the ane of thame befoir none, and the uther efter none, as thai sall think maist expedient be thame selfis, and thai to minister the sacramentis as occasioun salbe offerrit.

Die Mercurii, duodecimo mensis Decembris,[1] *anno j^m v^c nonagesimo tertio.*

Nota Maister Dauid Blakis conditioun in acceptatioun of he ministrie.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Blak minister, according to the Act maid in this buik of his acceptatioun of the ministrie, the xix day of September last wes, producit thir conditionis following, quhilk the sessioun ordanit to be insert in the buikis, quhairof the tenour followis. ffirst, that his bruther and follow laborar, Mr. Robert Wallace, his ministrie be establisched and continewit with his ministrie, according to the Act of the Generall Assemblie, haldin at Dunde, the xxiiij day of Aprile[2] last wes. Nixt, that the magistratis use faithfull diligens in thair callingis, that ane universall obedience may be obtenit to the Word and discipline throchout the body of the pepill, be all meanis furthering quhatsoevir may serve best for the advancement of the Gospell in this citee. And sua the Lord inabling the said Mr. Dauid, in strenth of body and incres of his graces, to the forther assurance of his conscience, for the dischargeing of sa great a calling, he promissis be his assistance to use all fidelite and diligens in this holy function committit to him. Quhilkis conditionis being red the sessioun and magistratis acceptis and aggreis unto.

Confessio Wilsoun, Huntar.

The quhilk day, Thomas Wilsoun grantis he hes gottin ane barn in fornicatioun with Issobell Huntar in Raderny, quhilk wes gottin at Fastronisevin last wes; now sensyne Issobell is mariit with Dauid Wemys. Thomas is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

Die xix^o mensis Decembris, anno nonagesimo tertio.

The quhilk day, conperit Patrik Lermonth and being accusit

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[1] *Novembris* in MS. evidently by mistake. *Decembris* is written over it in a modern hand.

[2] The Assembly met on the 24th of April, but the Act concerning the ministry of St. Andrews was adopted on the 28th of that month. See the bulk of it, p. 749, n.

Accusatio Patricij Lermonth.

for cuming upon the secund[1] day of October last wes, under silence of nicht, accumpaniit with diveris evill disposit personis to the hous of Jhone Smyth, deakin of the hammermen, citiner in this citee, and for the crewell wonding and hurting of the said Jhone Smyth, Jhone Gray, Jhone Cuthbart, and certane utheris, to the great effusioun of thair bluid, to the gryte dishonor of God, aganis the rewell of cherite, and sklander of this congregatioun; the said Patrik ansuerit and allegit the sessioun to be na jugis compitent to him in this cais, be ressoun the maist part of the ministeris of the sessioun, and utheris, elderis and deaconis of the samyn, ar at inammite with him, and hes borne armour aganis him. The sessioun, being advisit with his allegeans, hes, nochtwithstanding, fund thame selfis jugis compitent to the said Patrik in[2] this cais; and thairfor desyrit him to ansuer to the accusatioun negative or affirmative. And the said Patrik being sa requirit denyit the haill heidis of the said accusatioun. Thairfor the sessioun statut to preif the samyn be new warning, and the said Patrik appalit fra the said sessioun to the Presbitrie of St. Androus, and promist to produce his appellatioun in wreit this day aucht dayis.[3]

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[1] *Secund* interlined over *xxij* deleted.

[2] *In* is repeated in MS.

[3] The outbreak, with which Patrick Learmonth was charged, resulted from the ill-feeling connected with the municipal election of 1593. The matter is thus referred to by James Melville :—'On the Michelmes that yeir, the crafts and burgesses of St. Androis changing thair Provest, for the Lard of Darsie, chosit Capitan Wilyeam Murray, quhilk maid Darsie's frinds to rage sa, that Burley cam under sylence of night, and tuk an honest man out of his hous and caried him away; at the quhilk brave exployt Burley was mutilat of a fingar to begin his warrs withall. His man, Mylles, another night, with certean companiones, his complices, cam to an uther honest man's hous and reft away his douchtar: and last, the said Lard of Darsie maid a grait convocation of his frinds, with the quhilk in armes he purposed to enter in the town, and abbuse certean citiciners thairof at his pleasour, and that indeid of the best sort' (Melville's *Diary*, p. 313). Melville goes on to relate how his uncle, 'then Rector of the Universitie, and sa a civill magistrat,' roused the University, and, assisted by Lord Lindsay, Sir George Douglas and others, took 'armes for helpe and defence of the town,' and so 'maid the invadder fean, for all his forces, to byd out, and tak reasone in part of payment.' As the Patrick Lermonth mentioned in the text was probably the brother of the Laird of Dairsie (*Register of Privy Council*, iv. 544), this explains his objection, that 'the maist part' of the session were at enmity with him, and had 'borne armour aganis him.' The

Confessio Adamsoun, Kilgour.

The quhilk day, Walter Adamsoun and Margret Kilgour grantis thai haif gottin ane barne in fornicatioun, and submittis thame selfis to discipline. Thai ar ordanit to pay xl s., in part of pament of the Act for thair impressoment, and to satisfie conforme to the ordour; and ar content to marie in God his feir.

Decreit aganis Cristene Reif, Elene Donatt, Bessy Willamsoun.

The quhilk day Cristene Reif grantis sche hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with umquhill Patrik Clerk. Sche is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour. This is the secund tyme, thairfor sche is ordanit, with consent of the magestratis, to be jokit. As also Elene Donat, being ane that ressavit the puir folkis almous, convict in fornicatioun be gatting of ane barne with Malcome Kenlowy pyper; and siclyk Bessy Williamsoun for fornicatioun with Adame Duche sklatar, and certane utheris filthelie, as wes delatit to the session. Thai ar all ordanit to cum to the jokis upon Mononday nixttocum; and stand fra ten quhill xij houris at none, conforme to the Act of Parliament maid thairanent, or ellis to be banisit this citee for evir.

Accusatio Ros, Blak.

The quhilk day, George Ros wobstar accusit for suppressing of his awin barne, in the bed with him and his wyffe in the nicht. The sessioun ordanit [*blank*] Blak his wyffe, quhen sche is rissin of hir cheild bed, to be warnit and lykewys accusit, that thai may baith be punisit for thair confence conforme to equite.

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session however showed no animus, for, as the following extracts prove, they only took action after the Presbytery ordered them to do so. 'October 4, 1593. . . . Anent the most havie slander and offence gevin be sum inordinat persones, be persewing hurting and carreing away under silence of nicht certane inhabitantis of the citie of Sanctandros, the Presbitre ordanes thir persones following, delaited and gevin up to be doares of the said ungodlie fact and cryme, thei ar to say, the Laird of [*Balcolmie*—deleted] Burlie, M. William Balfour his brother, Walter Chisholme his servand, the Laird of Ballcolmie, M. Robert Lermonth his brother german, Patrik Lermonth, William Arthour of Cairnes, Nicol Maine, Patrik Brownn, to be summond be their awin pastouris personallie, if thei can be apprehendit, utherwayes publictlie owt of the pulpat be their names *respective*, to compeir befoir the Presbitre of St. Andros upon Thurisday nixtocum, being the ellevint of October instant' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). 'December 13, [1593] . . . The Presbytre ordanes the sessioun of Sanctandros to tak ordour with sa monie within their paroche as ar delaited for trubling hurting and carreing away sum of the indwellars of the citie under the silence of nicht' (*Ibid.*).

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanit, with consent of the magistratis, this Act underwritin, aggreabill with the Act of Parliament,[1] to be publisit and red oppinlie upon Sonday nixttocum, the xxiij of December instant, that the samyn in all tymes cuming may be putt to full executioun aganis the transgressouris thairof: to witt, that fornicatouris ilk ane, for the first fault, pay fourty lib. to the box of the puir, or ellis the man and woman impressonit[2] aucht dayis, thair fuid bread and small drink, and thaireftir to be presentit to the merkat croce, or merkat place of the towin or parrochin, beirhedit, and thair to stand, festnit that thai may nocht remoif, for the space of tua houris, as fra ten quhill xij houris at none; ffor the secund falt, being convict, thai sall pay the sowme of ane hundreth merkis, or ellis the foirnemmit dayis of impressoment dowblit, and thair fuid bread and watter alanerlie, and thaireftir to be presentit to the merkat croce or merkat place, and baith thair heidis, man and woman, to be schavin; ffor the thrid fault, being convict, ilk transgressour sall pay ane hundreth lib., or ellis thair impressoment dowblit,[3] thair fuid to be bread and watter alanerlie, and thaireftir to be tane to the dipest and fowlest puill or watter of the town or parrochin, thair to be thryis dowkit, and thaireftir to be banisit the town and parrochin for evir; and how oft, fra thyne furth, that evir thai be convict of the foirsaid vice of fornicatioun, that sa oft the thrid penultie be execut upon the transgressouris. And that ilk transgressour sitt upon the penitent stuill, for ilk fault, Sonday Weddinsday and Friday, tyme of sermone, sa oft as thai transgres.

Publicatioun of the Act of fornicatioun.

Die Mercurii, xxvj^to Decembris, anno Domini j^m v^c lxxxxiij^o.

The quhilk day, Drumond Tranent, in name of Patrik Lermonth, producis the said Patrikis appellatioun in wreit, conforme to his promis maid the xix of December instant. The sessioun hes takin to advis with the Presbitre to morn anent the said appellatioun, and the ministeris to report the Presbitreis ansuer thairin this day aucht dayis, and to summond

Patrik Lermonth his appellatioun producit, *rij.*

[1] See *supra*, p. 451, n. [2] *Impessonit* in MS. [3] *Dowlit* in MS.

Patrik publicle Sonday nixttocum to heir the actoun provin aganis him to the said day.

Confessio Thome Lentron.

The quhilk day, conperit Thomas Lentroun younger, quha grantis that he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Jonet Duncane. The sessioun ordanit him to be punisit conforme to the Actis sett down thair anent in this buik the xix of December instant.—Thomas Lentroun hes satisfe[it] and is ressavit.

Confessio adulterii Thome Lentroun.

The quhilk day, Thomas Lentroun younger grantis he hes committit the filthy vice of adulterie with Cathrin Mwrray, conforme to hir dilatioun in begatting ane barne with hir in Montrois, sche being in the meanetyme mariit with Androw Pilggott. The sessioun ordanis him to be punisit thairfor, conforme to the actis and lawis observit in sic casis; and becaus the fact wes committit in Montrois, he is first ordanit to report testimoniall of his satisfaction fra the minister of Montrois, within xv dayis under [pane of][1] censouris of the kirk.

Requisitio[2] Russell, Cok, Scott, Gutherie, &c.

The quhilk day, being callit and conperand befoir the sessioun Mr. Dauid Russell, Mr. William Cok, Mr. Jhone Scott, Androw Ramsay, Patrik Gutherie, George Methven maltman, Patrik Playfeir, Robert Greg, George Greg, Alane Greg, Jhone Wylie baxter, Androw Wrycht, Jhone Wilsoun maltman, Walter Finlason, Jhone Ferry, being inquirit if thai wald insist in persuit of the actioun intentit befoir the Lordis of Sessioun—for qarrelling of[3] the electioun of Mr. William Mwrray, Provest, Mr. Dauid Auchmowty, William Muffett, bailyes, and utheris, bailyes thesawrar Dane of Gild and consall of the citee of St. Androus, agans his Majesteis decrete of Secrete Consall, &c.—and if thai hed subscrivit ane letter of procuratore to that effect, ansueris that thai hed nocht subscrivit ane letter of procuratore, nor yit wald thai insist in persuit of the said action, nor yit wald thai cum in contrar the said decrete, this yeir in to cum. And siclyke conperit Mr. William Russell, Duncane Balfour, William Lermonth, elder and younger, Dauid Avery, Mr. Dauid Auchmoty younger, Alexander Wynsister, Alexander Carstaris, Mr. Henry Russell, Androw Forrett, quha, being inquirit in maner

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[1] Omitted. [2] *Rquisitio* in MS. [3] *Of of* in MS.

foirsaid, grantis that thai haif subscrivit ane procuratorie to quarrell the electioun of saidis present magistratis befoir the Lordis, and that thai wald insist thairin conforme to the summondis reasit to that effect.

Accusatio Patricij Broun et Nicholaij Mane.

The quhilk day, Nicholl Mane and Patrik Bron being warnit to this day to ansuer to the accusatioun for cuming to Jhone Smyth hous under silence of nicht, the secund of October last wes, accumpanet with diveris evill disposit personis, and for hurting of the said Jhone Smyth, Henry Smyth, Jhone Gray, Alane Wilson, Jhone Cuthbert, &c., to the dishonour of God and sklander of this congregatioun; conperit the said Nicholl and Patrik, quha deponit and ansuerit to the said accusatioun as thair ansueris in wreit beris. The sessioun, for forder triall to be takin in this mater, statut to summond certane witnes to that effect, and ordanit Nicholl and Patrik to be warnit to heir the saidis witnes ressavit suorn and admittit the ix of Januar nixttocum.

Die Mercurii, secundo Januarii, anno lxxxxiij°.

Lermonth *liẽão.*[1]

The quhilk day, in terme statut to Mr. Dauid Blak minister to report the Presbitreis ansuer anent Patrik Lermonthis appellatioun, the said Mr. Dauid reportit the ansuer, quhilk is, that the Presbitrie findis the sessioun jugis compitent in the said caus nochtwithstanding of the appellatioun. And the said Patrik being publicle summond Sonday last wes to heir witnes ressavit suorn and admittit this day aganis him, conperit the said Patrik, befoir ressait of ony witnes, and abydis be his appellatioun producit the xxvj of December last wes, protesting the session do him na wrang, and for remed of law aganis thame if thai sa do. The sessioun upon sum gude respectis continewis the said actioun to new warning.

Die nono Januarii, 1593.

Nicholl Mane, Patrik Broun.

The quhilk day, in terme statut to ressaif certane witnes to be sworn and examinat in the actioun of sklander movit aganis Nicholl Mane and Patrik Broun, the said Nicholl and Patrik

[1] This contraction probably stands for *lite actio.*

being personale warnit to that effect, as wes verefiit be Androw Sellar officiar, the session thairfor ressavit Alexander Cranstoun, Jhone Cwnighame, Jhone Lermonth, Dauid Dik, Dauid Gardner, Thomas Bowie, Thomas Smyth, Jhone Robertsoun, Thomas Craig, witnes, sworn and examinat, as thair depositionis[1] beris; and als ane writing and summondis execut aganis Androw Blyth, James Dik, Jhone Dik, William Couper, Androw Murray, Dauid Richeart, Robert Sowrdy, Edmond Broun, Robert Geddy, James Bron, James Saige, and Robert Lummisdane. The sessioun ordanit thame to be warnit agane, Sonday eftir none, the xiij of Januar instant; and Patrik Broun and Nicholl Mane to be warnit to heir thame ressavit sworn and admittit, and resservit place to thame to oppone relevant exceptionis aganis the witnes ressavit this day.

Citatio Willelmj Lermonth et collegarum.

The quhilk day, William Lermonth elder, Dauid Avary, Androw Forrett, Alexander Carstars, Dauid Watsoun, being warnit to this day to ansuer befoir the session to sic thingis as suld haif bein proponit aganis thame, and that at thair duelling places, as wes verefiit be Androw Sellar officiar, ar ordanit to be warnit agane to Friday the xj of Januar instant, becaus thai conperit nocht.

Admonition gevin to Dauid Carnis, Gulen, *et collegarum.*

The quhilk day, thir personis underwrittin being callit and conperand befoir the sessioun, for absenting of thame selfis fra the sermone and playing on the Sabboth day tyme of sermone, viz., Dauid Carnis, Duncane Gulen, Jhone Carstaris maltman, Thomas Scott wobstar, Alane Dewar younger; thai all promis to keip the Sabboth in tymes cuming and the sermonis, and nocht to play on the Sabboth day tyme of sermon, under the panis contenit in the Act of Parliament.

Admonitioun gevin to Gelis Smyth.

The samyn day, being warnit Gelis Smyth, and accusit for non keping of the kirk, and selling of aill upon Sonday and uther dayis tyme of sermone, sche promisis to abstein and to keip the Sabboth holy in tymes cuming, under the panis contenit in the Actis.

Productioun of testimoniall Lentron.

The quhilk day, Thomas Lentroun producit testimoniall fra Jhone Dury[2] minister of Montrois, and is ordanit to pas to

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[1] *Depositis* in MS.

[2] The father-in-law of James Melville and of George Gladstanes.

Montrois with all diligens and satisfie the kirk thair, and becaus the schip quhairin he suld saillit into and maid his[1] viage into is alreddy salit away; and to report ansuer thairof and of his satisfaction, with sic expedition and diligens as is gudle.

Admonitioun gevin to Alexander Wilsoun.

The quhilk day, Alexander Wilsoun being accusit for playing on the Sabboth, extraordinar drinking, dinging of his wyffe, and passing furth of the kirk befoir the blessing be gevin eftir sermone, he is admonisit to abstein fra the former vices under pane of censouris of the kirk.

Citatio Forrett, Dayis, Phenesoun, et collegarum.[2]

The quhilk day, being warnit Cristene Forrett and [*blank*] hir madin, Jhone Dayis smyth, Androw Diplein, William Dayis smyth, Jhone Phenesoun elder and younger, and Thomas Carstaris smyth, to ansuer for nocht keping of the Sabboth holy, and for playing thairon tyme of sermone, thai nor nane of thame conperit; thairfor thai ar ordanit to be warnit agane to Sonday nixttocum, under pane of censouris of the kirk.

Die xj Januarii, 1593.

Decrete quhair Dauid Watsoun and his collectis[3] wes convict of perjure.

The quhilk day, it being declarit and delatit to the sessioun that Mr. Dauid Russell, Mr. William Russell, Duncane Balfour, William Lermonth elder, Dauid Watsoun, Mr. Dauid Auchmowty younger, Andro Forrett, James Robertsoun younger, Alexander Carstaris, Alexander Wynchister, Pa. Gutherie, William Lermonth younger, Andro Ramsay, Thomas Lentroun, Mr. William Cok, Stevin Philp, Jhone Wylie, and Jhone Ferry, upon the xj day of December last wes, conperit befoir Provest and bailyeis of St. Androus; and being requirit to gif thair athis that thai wald gif obedience to the saidis Provest and bailyeis this present yeir, according to his Majesteis decrete pronuncit in thair favouris, thai ansuerit be ostentioun of thair rycht hand that thai wald obey the saidis Provest and bailyeis, as the Act subscrivit be Patrik Bonkill beris. Nochttheles Duncan Balfour, Mr. William Russell, William Ler[month] elder and younger, Dauid Watsoun, Alexander Wynstier, Alexander Carstaris, Thomas Lentron, Jhone Ferry, Andro Forret, and Mr. Dauid Auchmoty younger, upon the viij

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[1] *Is* in MS. [2] *Collgarum* in MS. [3] Colleagues.

day of Januar instant, purchest the Lordis lettres exeming thame fra the saidis Provest and bailyes jurisdiction, contrar to thair athis. Quhairfor the sessioun hes found thame perjuret, and ordanis thame to conpeir the 17 of Januar instant, to heir thame pronuncit perjuret, and to abyde the censsouris of the kirk thairfor.[1]

Die [*Jovis*—deleted] *Mercurii, xvj^to^ Januarii, anno lxxxxiij^o^.*

Citatio Forrett, Diplein.

The quhilk day, Cristene Forrett and hir madin, Androw Diplein miller and Bessy Ramsay, being oft and diveris tymes warnit to conpeir befoir the sessioun, to ansuer to sic thingis as suld be proponit aganis thame, and speciale to this day, thai conpeir nocht; thairfor the sessioun ordanit thame to be publiclie summond Sonday nixttocum, to conper at Sonday eftir none, under pane of censsouris of the kirk.

Nicholl Mane.

The quhilk day, Nicholl Mane, warnit personale to this day, conperit nocht, is ordanit to be warnit agane, under pane of publict admonition.

Patrik Broun.

The quhilk day, Alexander Cranstoun witnes, being reexaminat in presens of Patrik Broun, and thai confrontit to gidder, Alexander Cranston is constant in his depositioun, and affermis all constantle in the said Patrikis presens, and sayis that the tua foir hammeris wes Patrikis hammeris; and Patrik Broun causit him tak thame furth of his hous, and bring thame to Jhone Smythis hous; and that Patrik causit him bind ane auld crepe string about the said Patrikis face; and that Patrik maid the pynnis, to clois the lokkis of the kirk dur, of the schaft of ane ammer[2] with ane risp, &c. Quhilkis haill thingis the said Patrik denyis.

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[1] This entry has been squeezed into a blank space left for it; but has been afterwards scored out, while there has been written partly over it and partly in the margin:—'*This Act is ordinit to be deleit be the magistratis and sessioun, vij^o^ Octobris*, 1613.' This note is doubly attested, namely, under the paragraph by the signature:—*Dauid Skinner scriba subscribitur*, and in the margin by that of George Gladstanes, then Archbishop, whose initial may have been cut off by the binder, but the *Sanctandrois* stands bold and clear. Over the Archbishop's autograph some one has written—*Nota.*

[2] An *ammer* or *emmer tree* is a beam of wood or bar of iron, to which a chain is attached for hanging pots over the fire. Perhaps *ammer* in the text is a mistake for *hammer.*

The sessioun ordanit Jhone Forrett at Forrett Miln to be publikle[1] summond Sonday nixttocum to eftir none, to ansuer to the accusation of adultrie gevin in aganis him be Beatrix Broun, becaus he wes personale warnit to this day and diveris tymes befoir and conperit nocht, under pane of censsouris of the kirk.—Beatrix Broun maid satisfactioun and is ressavit. *Citatio* Forrett.

Die xvij° Januarii, 1593.

The quhilk day, conperit Duncane Balfour, Alexander Wynchister, Mr. William Russell, Alexander Carstaris, James Robertsoun younger, Mr. Dauid Auchmowty younger, William Lermonth elder, and Dauid Watsoun, citineris in St. Androus, as in terme statut to thame, to gif ansuer quhidder thai will abyde be persuit of the reductioun of the electioun of Mr. William Mwrray, Provest, Mr. Dauid Auchmowty, William Muffett, and Jhone Martine, bailyes, Jhone Wod, Dane of Gild, and Mr. George Mernis, thesawrar, of this citee; and in persuit of the exemptioun of thame fra the saidis Provest and bailyeis jurisdictioun, intentit at thair instance befoir the Lordis; and if thai wald reverence and obey thame as[2] laidfull magistratis for this present yeir. The saidis personis, all in ane voce, passis be thir presentis fra the saidis tua actionis of reductioun and exemptioun and haill lettres and executionis of the samyn, and all that hes followit or may follow thairupon, oblising thame and ilk ane of thame to reverence and obey the saidis magistratis for this present yeir, conforme to thair electioun, and decrete of Secrete Consall past thairupon, authorising the samyn in all thingis. *Requisitio Lermonth, Balfour, Carstaris, et collegarum.*

Die xx° Januarii, 1593.

The quhilk day, conperit Gregorie Watsoun, George Methven maltman, Mr. Patrik Arthour, William Lentroun, Thomas Scott, Robert Hendersoun, Androw Diplein, Thomas Dudingston, citineris in St. Androus, quha willinglie and frelie past fra the action of reduction of the Provest and bailyeis foirsaidis *Requisitio Watsoun, Methven, Lentroun, et collegarum.*

[1] *Puble* in MS.

[2] *As as* in MS.

thair election, and fra the actioun of exemption of thame fra thair jurisdiction, and all lettres and executionis thairof, with all that hes followit or may follow thairupon, oblising thame to reverence and obey the saidis magistratis for this present yeir, &c. A[s] also William Lermonth younger passis fra the lettres and proces of exemptioun of him fra the saidis Provest and bailyeis jurisdictioun, and fra the actioun for extracting of the proces quhair he wes deprivit fra his fredome, &c.

Quhair Duncane Balfour and his collegis past fra the extracting of the proces, &c.

The quhilk day, conperit also Duncane Balfour, Mr. William Russell, Alexander Carstaris, quha passis fra the actioun intentit be thame aganis the saidis Provest balyeis and Patrik Bonkle thair clerk of court, for extracting of the proces quhair thai wer deprivit of thair libertie and fredome of the said citee, and fra all lettres and executionis of the samyn *simpliciter*.

Jhone Ade, Forrett, Lentroun, &c., renuncit, &c.

The samyn day, Jhone Ade past fra the persuit of all actionis he may haif aganis the present magistratis *simpliciter*; as also Androw Forrett, Patrik Broun, Alane Lentroun, Henry Fowlis, Androw Adesoun, Dauid Greg, Jhone Wyslie elder, Alexander Miller wrycht, passis fra all actioun of reductioun of the electioun of the Provest and bailyeis of this present yeir, and fra all lettres and actioun of exemptioun *simpliciter*, and promissis to reverence and obey thame this present yeir, conforme to the decrete of Secrete Consall.

Die xxiij° Januarii, 1593.

Citatio Ferry.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis Jhone Ferry tailyeour to be publicle summond Sonday nixttocum, to conpeir Sonday eftir none, becaus it [is][1] verefiit be Androw Sellar officiar that he wes warnit to this day and diveris tymes befoir and conperit nocht.

Decretum contra Joannem Alane, Smyth.

The quhilk day, Jhone Alane and Gelis Smyth, being admonisit befoir to keip holy the Sabboth day, and nocht to sell aill tyme of sermone, bot to be in the kirk to heir Godis Word, is now convict that thai wer baith fra sermone Sonday last wes eftir none, haifand cumpanie with thame in thair awin hous drinkand. Thairfor thai ar decernit in the pane contenit

[1] Omitted.

in Act of Parliament, to be upliftit be the magistratis, and to mak publict humiliatioun for thair offence Sonday nixttocum. —Thai maid publict humiliatioun.

The samyn day, Dauid Husband tailyeour, Beatrix Kay browstir, Dauid Robertsoun fleschour, Robert Zoung, Duncane Kenlowy, Alexander Murray cordinir, Dauid Turubill, Dauid Michell cadger, Androw Carnis, Patrik Broun, being all accusit for breking of the Sabboith day and nocht cuming to the kirk, &c., ar all admonisit to abstein fra breking thairof in tymes cuming, under pane of censouris of the kirk. Admonition gevin to Dauid Husband, Andro Carnis, Zong, and thair collegis.

The quhilk day Bessy Naper grantis carnall daill with Thomas Richie upon Sonday wes aucht dayis. Sche is ordanit to satisfe; and Thomas to be warnit to Sonday nixttocum eftir none. *Confessio* Naper, Richie.

Die penultimo Januarii, 1593.

The quhilk day, Thomas Lentroun younger is ordanit to satisfie Friday nixttocum publicle;[1] and to produce testimoniall fra the ministre of Montrois of the begynning of his satisfactioun within xv dayis with Cathrin Mwrray. Lentroun, xv [dayis].

The quhilk day, Jonet Turubill grantis sche hes born ane barne in fornicatioun to Walter Finlo, presentlie duelling with Mr. Thomas Peblis in Kynneill, quhilk wes gottin at the Sengze day last wes, in hir awin hous in St. Leonardis Wynde. This is tua barnis sche hes born to him, and ane uther barin befoir to Alexander Paty. Sche is ordanit to be xx dayis impressonit, and to satisfie on the stuill xv dayis, ilk precheing day, and thaireftir banisit this citee.—Jonet hes satisfeit conforme to this decrete. *Confessio* Turubill, Finlo.

The quhilk day, Beatrix Dayis grantis hir with barne to James Pait, quhilk wes gottin in Nicholl Manis hous. Sche is ordanit to satisfe, and testimoniall to be send to the minister of Bruntyland, to caus James Pait conpeir and satisfie. *Confessio* Dayis, Pait.

Die ultimo mensis Januarii, 1593.

The quhilk day, Androw Thomsoun, Jhone Wylie, and

[1] *Friday nixttocum* is here repeated in MS.

Admonitioun gevin to Jhone Wyle, Thomsoun, Zoung.

Thomas Zoung, all admonisit to kep the Sabboth, and utheris dayis tyme of precheing, holy.

Confessio Carstaris, Deis.

The quhilk day Thomas Carstaris and Elene Dayis grantis carnall copulatioun. Thai ar ordanit to satisfie publicle, conforme to the ordour of fornicatouris, and to pay xl s. to the puir, &c.—Thai haif satisfeit.

Ros, Blak.

The quhilk day, George Ros and [*blank*] Blak his wyffe ar ordanit to begyn thair humiliatioun, for suppressing of thair barne, and that in sic forme and maner as adulteraris, Sonday nixttocum.

Jak, Stevin.

The quhilk day, Sara Stevin is ordanit to enter in pressoun Sonday nixttocum, for gatting of ane barne in fornicatioun with James Jak, and James to be also warnit at his hame cuming fra saill.

Requeist to all notaris to remember the seik of the puir.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Russell, Mr. William Russell, Mr. William Wemys, Mr. Jhone Scott, Mr. Magnus Arthour, Jhone Lawsoun, and Mr. William Thomsoun, notaris, ar all requestit be the sessioun to remember the seik, tyme of making of thair testamentis, to leif in thair legacy sum support to the puir of this citee, quhilkis notaris promist to do the samyn.

Die tertio Februarii, 1593.

Renunciatioun of Mr. Henry Russell and Jhone Ferry.

The quhilk day, Mr. Henry Russell and Jhone Ferry tailyeour, be the tenour heirof, willingle and frelie passis fra the persuit of the actioun of the reductioun of the electioun of Provest and bailyeis, and also fra the actioun of exemptioun fra thair jurisdictioun, and fra all proces and instance thairof, and all that hes followit or may follow thairupon, and promissis to reverence and obey the present magistratis of this citee for this present yeir.

Confessio Richie, Naper.

The quhilk day Thomas Richie confessis fornicatioun with Bessy Naper. He is ordanit to satisfie conforme to the ordour.

Admonition to George and Androw Scottis.

The quhilk day, George Scott, gardner, Androw Scott, quariour, admonisit for extraordinar drinking and mispending of thair geir, and commandit to spend thair geir at hame with thair wyffe and barnis ressonabile.

The quhilk day, Androw Cuik admonisit to abstein fra

extraordinar drinking, and to keip the sermonis and the Sabboth day holy. Admonitioun to Androw Cuik.

The quhilk day, Mirrabill Month confessit carnall copulatioun with Androw Roger, in Androw Suntaris hous, at Lammes last wes. The [sessioun][1] ordanit hir to satisfie conforme to the ordour, and to warne Androw Roger to Weddinsday nixttocum. *Confessio* Month, Roger.

Die vj^to^ Februarii, 1593.

The quhilk day, conperit Cristene Jhonstoun, quha grantis sche hes born ane barn in fornicatioun to Dauid Andersoun, quhilk wes gottin in the over Abbay Miln. The said Dauid present grantis the samyn, and that this is the thrid barne that he hes gottin in fornicatioun. He is ordanit to pay xl s. for[2] his impressoment, and to satisfie the kirk, and all uther satisfactioun, conforme to the Act of Parliament, that ane man thryis relappis in fornicatioun aucht to do; and for doing thairof Jhone Smart elder is becum cautioun.—Dauid and Cristene hes satisfeit this decrete. *Confessio* Andersoun, Jhonstoun.

The quhilk day Issobell Wod grantis hir with ane barn to Paule Congiltoun. Becaus the barn wes nocht gottin [in][1] this citee, sche is ordanit to depart the boundis thairof within xxiiij houris. *Confessio* Wod.

The quhilk day, Duncane Kelowy is admonisit the secund tyme that na aill be sauld in his hous Sonday, nor na uther dayis tyme of sermone; as also the said Duncane, Jhone Williamsoun flescheour, Alane Swyne, Henry Fowlis, ar admonisit to keip holy the Sabboith. Admonitioun gevin to Duncane Kenlowy and his collegis.

Die viij^o^ Februarii, 1593.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar officiar verefiit that he warnit Dauid Watsoun personale to this day, to ansuer to sic thingis as salbe proponit aganis him, nochttheles he disobeyit and conperit nocht; thairfor he is ordanit to be summond to morn at tua houris eftir none, under pane of contumacie. *Citatio* Watsoun.

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[1] Omitted. [2] Has been *in part*, but *part* is altered into *for*.

Die ix° Februarii, 1593.

Accusatio Dauidis Watson.

The quhilk day, conperit Dauid Watsoun, as he that wes laidfulle warnit to this day, quha being accusit for doing of wrang, in taking of ane instrument in the handis of Charlis Watsoun, notar and clark of the sessioun, contrarius to his deid, and also in abusing the said instrument to the sklander of our sessioun and kirk of St. Androus, allegeing him to be conpellit be the said sessioun to leif the persuit of his honest civile actioun for fer of excommunicatioun, quhilk wes in deid for feir of perjurie quhairof he wes accusit; and thairfor wes desyrit to mak publict humiliatioun for the samyn. The said Dauid nochtwithstanding stubburnle refusit sa to do and maid certane frivall allegeanis, nocht worthie to be hard, and departit.

Die decimo tertio Februarii, 1593.

Nota. Anent thame that frequentis the hering of the Word.[1]

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that quhatsumevir thai be that hes ony barnis to be baptizit in tyme cuming, that thai first cum to Mr. Robert Zuill, and bring with thame the deacone or elder of that quarter quharin thai duell, to testifie that the parentis of the said barne frequentis the hering of the Word, and in thair famileis thair is na suering nor banning.

Nota. Penulteis to be upliftit upon brekeris of the Sabboith day, and utheris dayis fra sermone.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that the penultie injonit be Act of Parliament[2] on thame that brekis the Sabboth day, and lykwyis the penultie injonit be Provest and bailyeis and consall of this citee on thame that keipis nocht thair ordinar houris in the owk dayis to sermon, salbe upliftit be the civile magistratis, without ony exceptioun of persoun, pretendit excuis, or delay of tyme.

Ordinans upon Mr. Hew Mylis.

The quhilk day, Mr. Hew Mylis is ordanit ather to satisfie for being participant in taking away of Cathrine Lummisdane under silence of nycht, or ellis to depart of the boundis of this citee, under pane of censouris of the kirk.[3]

Die xv mensis Februarii, anno lxxxxiij°.

The quhilk day, it is fund that Dauid Watsoun hes done

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[1] *Wod* in MS. [2] See *supra*, p. 480, n. [3] See *supra*, p. 765, n. 3.

wrang in taking of ane instrument, quhilk wes contrarius to his deid, and also in abusing the samyn instrument to the sklander of our sessioun and kirk of St. Androus, allegeing him to be conpellit be the said sessioun to leave the persuit of his honest civile actioun for feir of excommunication, quhilk wes in deid for feir of perjurie, quhairof he wes accusit. Thairfor the sessioun ordanis the said Dauid to mak publict repentance on Sonday, in the middis of the kirk, in presens of the congregatioun, and also to pas to the sessioun of the kirk of Edinburgh to witnes the samyn, quhilk he sall testifie, pronuncing[1] thir wordis as eftir followis.—I, Dauid Watsoun, presentis my self to humiliatioun for procuring and taking of ane instriment to saif my self from the penultie of burrowis onlie; yit nochtwithstanding this instriment reasit be me wes usit be utheris throw my negligens, to the sklander of our sessioun and kirk of St. Androus; for in the instriment I allegit me to be conpellit to pas from my laidfull actionis for feir of excommunicatioun, quhilk wes in deid for feir to be convict of perjurie, quhairof I wes accusit; in doing quhairof I confes my misbehaveor and falt, for the quhilk I ask God and the congregatioun forgifnes.

Decretum contra Dauidem Watsoun.

Upon the xxiiij day of Februar 1593, being Sonday, the said Dauid Watson maid publict humiliatioun for the said offence, in the parroche kirk befoir none, in presens of the pepill convenit to sermone, conforme to the saidis ordinance; and to report the session of Edinburgh ansuer and his diligens this day aucht dayis.

Dauid Watsonis satisfactioun.

The quhilk day,[2] Dauid Kynneir, deakin of the baxteris, George Greg, Jhone Hwniman, Alexander Scharp, Robert Walker, baxteris, ar all admonisit nocht to occupie thair baikhoussis upon the Sabboith day, quha hes promisit to do the samyn.[3]

Admonitioun gevin to the baxteris.

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[1] *Pronunce in* in MS.

[2] That is, the 15th of February.

[3] In 1566 the baxters of St. Andrews had ordained that none of their craft should presume to bake any 'saill breid' on Sabbath, under the pain of eight shillings to be given to the poor; and in 1583 the penalty was increased to forty shillings (*Baxters' Books of St. Andrews*, MS.).

Die xxviij° Februarii, 1593.

Confessio Lummisdane, Wan.

The quhilk day Jhone Lummisdane and Cristene Wan grantis thai haif gottin ane barne in fornicatioun. Jhone Lummisdane hes payit xj ℔. for him self and the said Cristenes impressoment, and thai ar ordanit to mak humiliatioun for thair offence conforme to the ordour.—Quhilk thai haif done.

Lentron, Mwrray.

The quhilk day, Thomas Lentroun is ordanit to pas to Montrois, and satisfie for his adultere with Cathrin Mwrray, and to produce testimoniall thairupon to this session with all diligence.

Ordinance to Scott, Grub, Donaldsoun.

The quhilk day, Walter Scott and Androw Grub, servitouris to William Lermonth, and Robert Donaldsoun, ar ordanit to mak publict humiliatioun Sonday nixttocum, for breking of the Sabboth.—Quhilk thai all did in deid.

Admonition to Agnes Lokkard and Swyne.

The quhilk day, Androw Swyne and Agnes Lokkart ar admonisit to leif togidder in God his feir, and nocht to flytt nor contend to gidder.

Confessio Paitt, Dayis.

The quhilk day James Paitt grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Beatrix Dayis. He is ordanit to satisfie thairfor and to enter in presson conforme to the ordour.—Baith the parteis hes satisfeit this decrete.

Die sexto Martii, 1593.

Ordinance aganis Jhone Downy.

The quhilk day, Jhone Downy messinger, being accusit for speiking publicle upon the hie calsy to Mr. Robert Zuill, techear in this congregatioun, on reverentle thir wordis, saying, that he suld swyffe in dispyte of the minister quhen he plesit, and speir na tydingis at the minister; thairfor the sessioun ordanis him to cum publicle upon Sonday nixttocum, and mak humiliatioun for the said wikked and ungodly speiking.

Gudfallow, Lentron.

The quhilk day, Elspot[1] Gudfallow is ordanit to conpeir to morn befoir the Presbitrie, and ressaif hir injunctionis for aduiltre, confessit be hir with Alane Lentroun.[2]

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[1] *Sic.*

[2] '*Martii* 7, [1593] . . . Compeirit Elspit Gudfallow in Sanctandros and confessit the cryme of adulterie committed with Alane Lentroun and desyrit to be resavit to repentance' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

The quhilk day, conperit James Ramsay and Bessy Andersoun, quha grantis thai haif gottin ane barne in fornicatioun. Thai ar ordanit to pay ilk ane xl s. for thair impressoment and relef of the croce, and to mak publict humiliatioun, &c., as thai that ar baith relapis.—The parteis hes satisfeit this decrete. *Confessio* Ramsy, Andersoun.

The quhilk day, the communion is ordanit to be celebratit upon Sonday cum xv dayis, the xxiiij day of Marche instant; and to be celebratit baith in the morning and at ten houris, that [the][1] samyn, as use is of befoir, may be done in cumlie ordour. Celebratioun of the communion.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar and Alane Robertsoun, officiaris in the kirk, ar continewit in thair service quhill forder ordour be takin with thame; and the haill proffeit and commodite of the haill offices that Androw Sellar hed befoir to be equalie partit betuix the said Androw and Alane in tyme cuming, quhill forder ordour be takin with thame be the town and sessioun; and in the meanetyme Alane to be serviabill and obedient to Androw Sellar in all thingis, as he wes befoir, and rather better, for gude service to be done in thair offices. Androw Sellar and Alane Robertsoun ar electit officiaris, and the haill proffet to be equale dividit betuix thame.

Die x^o Martii, 1593.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Blak minister reportit the Presbitreis ansuer, that Issobell[2] Guidfallow wes ordanit to haif conperit this Sonday, to begyn hir humiliatioun in sek claith for adultere confessit be hir with Alane Lentron. And becaus sche conperit nocht the session ordanit hir to be publicle summond thairto Weddnisday nixttocum. Guidfallow, Lentroun.

The quhilk day, it is divisit that the bailyeis be requestit, ilk ane of thame, to put the actis to executioun upon transgressouris within his awin quarter. Requeist to the balyeis. O. *Nota.*

The quhilk day, the haill gentillmen and parrochenaris up on land, being publiclie warnit be the minister Weddinsday last wes, as also be spetiall missivis send from this sessioun to thame, to haif conperit this day, to haif takin ordour for biging of ane kirk to thame selfis upon land, conforme to the Act of Anent the biging of the upon landis kirk.

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[1] Omitted. [2] *Sic.*

Parliament and Act of Generall Assemblie[1] maid thairanent: of the quhilkis personis conperit Androw Wod of Straythvethy, James Wod of Lambelethame, Gavin Wemys of Vnthank, George Ramsay of Langraw, Martine Carstrophein portioner of Byrehillis, Mr. Martine Carstrophein his sone, Mr. Alexander Jarden of Smyddy Grein, Jhone Zoung and Thomas Scheves in Byrehillis, quha all aggreis to the biging of ane kirk. And Androw Wod of Straythvethie allegis thair is[2] na ma contenit in the Act of Parliament appointit to big the said kirk except Byrehillis, Smyddy Grein, Bonytoun, Straythvethy, Bannofeild, Kynnaldy, Gilmerstoun, Lathoker and his grund, Priourlethame, Fedinsche, Vnthank, Langraw, Lambelethame, Carnegour. The sessioun ordanit the remanent contenit [in][3] the Act of Parliament, quha hes nocht conperit this day, to conpeir upon Weddinsday nixttocum, to tak forder ordour in this mater, and the conperantis warnit to the said day *apud acta.*

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[1] From the Act of Parliament, of 5th June 1592, it appears that 'dyvers of the gentilmen, duelland to landwart of the parochin of Sanctandrois,' had pointed out to Parliament 'the large quantitie and boundis of the parrochin,' its 'populous congregatioun,' and 'greit distance of the saidis parrochinaris duellingis frome the said parroche kirk;' and craved the division of the parish, 'and ane ressonabill boundis of the landwart of the same to be erectit in ane severall parroche, for thair better and mair commodious instructioun, offering to big ane kirk and mans thairto upoun thair awin expenssis.' Parliament granted the desire of this petition, and divided the following 'tounes and landis' from St. Andrews, and erected them 'in ane severall and distinct parrochin . . . to be callit in all tyme cuming the South Kirk of Sanctandrois':—'Thai ar to say Byrehillis, Smiddy-Greine, Balduf, Bonytoun, Walkmylne, Strathvey (*sic*), Bennefeld, Kynaldie, Kilmerstoun, Karingour, Lamelathen, Langraw, Fedinche, Vnthank, Prior Lethem, Lathoker, Hasilidene, Eister and Wester Mortonis.' Parliament further gave them power to build a parish kirk and manse upon any part of these lands which they found to be most convenient, and granted 'to the said parroche kirk all liberties privileges and commodeties that ony uther parroche kirk within this realme hes' (*Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, iii. 549). The landward gentlemen were rather slow in carrying their privileges into effect, for the General Assembly, on the 26th of April 1593, ordered them to build their church 'in sick ane part as the saidis parochineris and Presbytries aggrei upon, narrest the middis of the paroche, betuix and Lambes cum ane yeir, according to thair suite maid to Parliament, and sicklyk to the Assemblie; certifieing thame and they failyie, thay salbe debarrit fra ony benefeit of the kirk of Sanct Androis' (*Booke of the Universall Kirk*, Ban. Club, iii. 801).

[2] *Is is* in MS. [3] Omitted.

Die xiij° mensis Martii, 1593.

The quhilk day, becaus this day being appointit to the parrochenaris upon land to haif conperit to haif takin ordour anent the biging of thair kirk, and ane small number of thame conperit; thairfor the sessioun ordanit the said mater to be ressonit and decidit be the Presbitrie.[1]

Nota. Anent the landward kirk.

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[1] 'Maii 22, [1594]. . . . Comperit certane gentlemen of the landwart of the paroche of Sanctandros, quha, in respect the Generall Assemble haldin at Dundie the [*blank*] day of Apprill 1593 had dischargit the ministrie of Sanctandros of the burden of the landwart of the foirsaid paroche efter Lambes nixtocum, maid ernest sute at the handis of the Presbitrie that thei micht haif thair consent for erecting of sufficient kirkis within the said paroche; that is to say ane kirk in the east, and ane uther in the west end, to be situat and biggit in sic pairtes of the paroche as the said Presbitrie suld think most expedient; and becaus the saidis kirkis can nocht satisfie, in respect of the largenes of the boundes extending to sevin myles in lenth, sum of the gentlemen of the landwart paroche desyrit that sum of the landis and towns of the said landwart paroche micht be annexit to the kirkis nixt adjacent, vidz., Dynninow, Sires and Kembok; and in speciall that the landis of Stravithie, Bannafeild, Kynnadie, Gilmerstoun, and Bonitowin, suld be annexed to the kirk of Dynninow, as most ewist unto that part of the landwart; quhilk petition being hard considerit and fund most equitable and godlie in everie respect, the said Presbitrie grantit unto thame thair consent and allowance, and ordanit ane Act to be mad thairupon' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). Of the above-named lands Stravithie, Bannafield and part of Kinaldy, are now in Dunino, the rest of Kinaldy and Gilmerton are in Cameron, but Bonnytown is still in St. Andrews. The Presbytery do not seem to have taken any further action in the matter until the 1st of January 1595-6, when they ordained 'the gentillmen of the landwart of St. Andros to compeir befoir them the next day.' Accordingly, on the 8th, 'comperit Andro Wod of Straiwthie (*sic*), George Ramsay and Alexander Wod, to quhome the brithering of the Presbytrie declarit the miserabill estait of thair nychtbouris, being in ignorance without all knawlege of God. The brithering thairfoir ordenis the Rector, Mris. Dauid Black, Robert Wilkie, Dauid Monepennie, John Johnstoun, Robert Wallace, or ony thrie of them, to pas to the grund of Lambelethem, and also the haill gentillmen of landwart under the pains of censoring, that with mutuall assent and consent ane place commodiouse micht to (*sic*) schosing for the bilding of ane kirk to parochinaris nixt adjacent thairto.' On the 15th it was reported that a suitable site had been found on Priorlethem for those adjacent, and it was resolved to summon the other parishioners to give their concurrence. These do not seem to have complied, for, it was ordained, on the 5th of February, that they should be publicly cited from the pulpit; on the 4th of March, that it should be intimated 'to the landwart of that boundis appointit for the new kirk to be present upon Moninday in the pariche kirk, for setting doun of ane stent;' and, on the 1st of April 1596, that the gentlemen of the landward parish should be charged from the pulpit 'to give in thair taxatioun for bigging of thair kirk.'

Admonitioun to William Sayth.

The quhilk day William Sayth for himself and Margret Watsoun his spous ar admonisit to keip the kirk.

Jhone Downy.

The quhilk day, Jhone Downy messinger is ordanit to be summond upon Sonday nixttocum, to mak publict humiliatioun, conforme to the last ordinance the sext of Marche instant, and that for the secund tyme, becaus he suld haif maid humiliatioun Sonday last wes and did nocht the samyn.—Jhone conperit upon Sonday, and maid publict humiliatioun conforme to the decret gevin the sext of Marche instant.

Die xvij° Martii, 1593.

Currie, Wilsoun.

The quhilk day, Cristene Curry is ordanit to be banisit the boundis of this citee instantle, for harlotrie and utheris notabill vices knawin to the session; as also Thomas Wilsoun burnledar for flyting baning and swering and breking of the Sabboth.

Die xxvj^to Martii, 1594.

Confessio Alexander Wod.

The quhilk day, Alexander Wod grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Elspott Russell, and submittis him self to discipline. He promissis to caus Elspott Russell conpeir befoir the sessioun Sonday nixttocum.—Elspott conperit and hes satisfeit.

Die xxix° Martii, 1594.

Decretum contra Arthurum Wemys.

The quhilk day, Arthour Wemys is ordanit upon Sonday nixttocum to sitt upon ane stuill befoir the pulpeit in sek claith, bair futtit, tyme of sermone[1] befoir none, and eftir sermone ask God and the congregatioun forgifnes, the haill sessioun and Mr. James Ros, for blaspheme and wikked speik-

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The Priorlethem site had to be given up, for, on the 6th of May, the Laird of Lathocker was ordained to convene the other gentlemen on Cameron Muir next Tuesday; and Andrew Melville, David Monipenny, and Robert Wilkie, were to be present with them, for 'the appointing of ane place for biggin of thair landwart kirk' (*Ibid.*).

[1] *Sermomone* in MS.

ing aganis the law of God and sessioun.—Arthour Wemys hes maid humiliatioun conforme to this decrete.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the haill sessioun that Alexander Wod pay to the box of the puir xl ℔. money, or ellis to sitt in pressoun aucht dayis and thaireftir be jokkit, conforme to the Act of Parliament, for fornicatioun with Elspott Russell, manifestit be procreatioun of ane barn. Alexander Wod, Russell.

The quhilk day, conperit Dauid Thomsoun in Balgoif, quha grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Jonet Schiphirt. He is ordanit to be impressonit and jokkit, or ellis to pay xl ℔. to the puir, conforme to the Act of Parliament.—Dauid hes maid humiliatioun, as also Jonet Schippart, bot he hes payit viij ℔. money alanerle. Dauid Thomsoun.

Die 17° *Aprilis*, 1594.

The quhilk day, it wes delatit to the sessioun that Dauid Leyis, son to Jhone Leys smyth, hed put hand and dung his said father, quhairfor the sessioun requistit the magistratis to call him befoir thame, and to put him to ane condigne assis conforme to the lawis; quhilk requeist the magistratis maist willinglie obeyit, and, upon Friday the xix of Aprile instant, the said Dauid Leis wes convict be ane condigne assys, and ordanit to conpeir in sek claith, beir heddit and beir futtit, upon the hichest degre of the penitent stuill, with ane hammer in the ane hand and ane stane in the uther hand, as tua instrumentis quhairwith he manassit his father, within ane papir writin in great letteris about his heid thir wordis:—BEHALD THE ON NATURALL SONE PUNISIT FOR PUTTING HAND IN HIS FATHER AND DISHONORING OF GOD IN HIM; and thaireftir to conpeir in the middis of the kirk Sonday the xxj of Aprile, and ask God forgifnes his father and the haill pepill; and thaireftir, upon Mononday the xxij of Aprile instant, to stand fra ten houris quhill xij houris at none, cled and adornit as said is, in the jokis at the merkat croce; and thaireftir to be cartit throw the haill town, and be oppin proclamatioun the pepill to be advertisit and informit of his falt, and thaireftir brocht agane to the croce and his dittay red and publicit, with thir wordis of decrete:—If he evir offend aganis his father or Decrete aganis Dauid Leyis for putting hand in his father. *Nota.*

mother heireftir, in word or deid, that member of his body quhairby he offendis salbe cuttit of from him, be it tung hand or futt, without mercy, in exampill to utheris to abstein fra the lyke. Quhilkis haill decrete and ordinance, with the haill circumstancis forsaidis, wer all done with great solemnite as is befoir writin.

Die xxj° Aprilis, 1594.

Decrete aganis Thomas Lentroun.

The quhilk day, Thomas Lentroun younger is ordanit to satisfie viij dayis in sek claith, for his adulterie with Cathrin Mwrray, and thaireftir his barne to be baptizit.—Thomas hes satisfeit and the barne is baptizit.

Pady, Clapen.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that Alexander Pady and Margret Clapen conpeir upon Sonday or[1] sum precheing day, and declair that thai ar ellis mariit laidfullie in Wark in Jngland; and that thai leif to gidder in tyme cuming in the feir of God and honest behaveour as mariit personis.

Die quinto Maii, 1594.

Decretum contra Alexandrum Wod.

The quhilk day, conperit Alexander Wod and submittis him self to discipline, for begatting of ane barne in fornicatioun with Elspot Russell. He is ordanit to pay xl ℔. within xlviij houris, for satisfaction of the Act of Parliament, and to mak publict humiliatioun conforme to the ordour; and James Wod his father to be warnit to pay xl s. for nocht reveling the falt of the said Alexander his sone.—Alexander hes maid humiliatioun and payit xxiiij ℔.

Die xxij° Maii, 1594.

Confessio Jane Monipeny.

The quhilk day Jane Monipenny grantis sche hes borne tua barnis in fornicatioun to William Arthour of Carnis. Sche is ordanit to satisfie thairfor, and as sche that is now thryis relapis in fornicatioun, conforme to the ordour.—Jane[2] Monipeny hes maid humiliatioun and is ressavit.

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[1] *Or* is interlined over *and* deleted.

[2] *Jane hes* in MS.

Die xxvj^to Maii, 1594.

The quhilk day, William Arthour of Carnis grantis he hes gottin tua barnis in fornicatioun with Jane Monipenny, and that he is now thryis relappis in fornicatioun. The sessioun ordanit him to satisfie for the samyn, conforme to the Act of Parliament, and conforme to his awin obligatioun, within xx dayis, under the pane contenit in his obligatioun, and cens-souris of the kirk.—The said William hes satisfeit conforme to this decrete.

Confessio Willelmj Arthour. Decretum contra eum.

Die xxix^o mensis Maii, 1594.

The quhilk day, Thomas Martine grantis he hes gottin tua barnis, to witt, ane las and ane laid, in fornicatioun with Margret Cragy. He is ordanit to pay tua crownis in part of pament of the Act for his civile punischment, and to mak humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.—Thomas Martine hes satisfeit this decrete.

Confessio Thome Martine. Decretum contra Thomam Martine.

Die xxviij^o Julii, 1594.

The quhilk day, Mr. Patrik Arthour grantis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Agnes Cranstoun, in Elene Jnglis hous, conforme to the dilatioun. He is ordanit to pay ane rois nobill for his civile satisfaction, in part of pament of the Act of Parliament, and to mak publict humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.—The said Mr. Patrik hes satisfeit conforme to this decrete.

Confessio Magistri Patricij Arthour. Decretum contra Magistrum Patricium Arthour.

Die xxviij^o Augusti, 1594.

The quhilk day, conperit James Martine of Lathonis, grantis and confessis he hes gottin ane barne in fornicatioun with Jonet Paty, and ane uther barne in fornicatioun with Issobell Dauidsoun; and upon his kneyis, in presens of session, sitting down cravis God mercy for thais his hieneus synnis and all utheris his synnis. The sessioun ordanis James to conpeir Sonday nixttocum befoir and eftir none, and utheris dayis in

Confessio Jacobj Martine de Lathonis.

the owk, to heir the Word of God, that he may learne the doctrein of repentance, and to continew sa quhill the kirk be forder advisit.

Die xvij° Octobris, 1594.

Confessio Dauidis Thomsoun, Rind. Decretum contra eos.

The quhilk day Dauid Thomsoun and Beatrix Rind grantis thai haif gottin ane barne in fornicatioun. This is the secund barn Dauid hes gottin in fornicatioun. He is ordanit to pay thre crownis of the soun for his civile satisfactioun, and to satisfe conforme [to][1] the Actis; and Beatrix to pay tua crownis for hir civile satisfactioun, in part of pament of the Act of Parliament, and to mak publict humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.—This decrete is satisfeit be the transgressouris.

Nota. Anent publict humiliatioun of transgressouris befoir thai be ressavit to repentance.

The quhilk day, it is statut and concludit be the sessioun that all personis quhatsumevir, quha salbe appointit be the sessioun heireftir to mak publict humiliatioun, sall cum to the kirk at ilk tyme of the exerceis of the Catichssme,[2] during the tyme appointit to thame of humiliatioun, to learne the doctrine of trew repentance, befoir thai cum to the stuill of publict humiliatioun, that, quhen thai cum to the stuill, thai may ansuer to sic heidis of repentance, as the minister sall propone to thame, befoir thai be ressavit.

Die primo mensis Novembris, 1594.

Electioun of elderis and deaconis of the citee of St. Androus for this 1594, to witt, the ane half removit sall chuis the uther half thairof, quhilkis ar also chosin and dividit as followis.

Elderis.

ffor the sowth parroche, quhairof Mr. Robert Wallace is minister.

Mr. Androw Meluill, Rectour
Mr. Jhone Jhonstoun, maister in the New College
Mr. Robert Wilke, Principall of St. Leonardis College

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[1] Omitted. [2] *Sic.*

Mr. William Marche, maister thair
Mr. William Murray, Provest thair[1]
Schir George Dowglas of Elenehill, Knycht
Dauid Murray
Mr. Dauid Auchmowty, bailye
Mr. George Mernis, bailye
Jhone Martine, bailye
[*William Muffett, bailye*—deleted]
Stevin Philp, Dane of Gild
Thomas Lundy, the thesawrar
Mr. Williame Cok
Mr. Williame Russell
Duncane Balfour
Alexander Wynchister
Mr. George Narne
Dauid Dalgleis
Jhone Adamsoun
Thomas Diksoun
Jhone Hagy.

Deaconis for the said parrochin.

George Narne, chirurgane
Thomas Rekie
Williame Cowpar
Thomas Craig
Mr. Symone Greg
Peter Williamsoun
Dauid Myrtoun
James Thomsoun, baxter.

Elderis and deaconis for the north parroche of St. Androus 1594, quhairof Mr. Dauid Blak is minister.

Elderis.

Mr. Rober[2] Mawill, commissar of St. Androus
Mr. Williame Welwod, maister in the Auld College
Mr. Homer Blair, maister thair
Mr. James Ros, regent thair
James Hay
Williame Muffett, bailye
Androw Welwod
[One name deleted and illegible]
[*Androw Welwod*—deleted]
Charlis Watsoun, scribe
Mr. Williame Wemys, advocat
Williame Zuill
Jhone Wod
James Lentroun
Androw Forrett
James Scheves
Androw Ramsay.

Deaconis for the said parrochin.

Robert Williamsoun
Jhone Budge, wrycht

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[1] He was *Provost of the City of St. Andrews*, not of *St. Leonards College*.
[2] *Sic*.

James Leiche, mercheand
Charlis Watsoun, mercheand
Martine Lummisdane
Jhone Blyth, mariner
Dauid Kynneir, baxter
Dauid Wischart, mariner
Jhone Law, cultellar
Thomas Blak, litstar
Jhone Huniman, baxter[1]
James Porterfeild, couper
Androw Adesoun, mercheand
William Geddy, mariner
Williame Dewar, maltman.

Ratificatioun of the actis and statutis.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deaconis, baith of the sowth and north parrochynnis of this citee of St. Androus, ratifeis and apprevis the actis and statutis maid in this buik the first of November lxxij yeiris, and all utheris actis and statutis maid in the samyn, promising to observe and keip the samyn.

The divisioun of the elderis of the south parroche in quarteris, to oversie the maneris and conversatioun of the pepill, 1594.

ffra the Eist Burne Wynd to umquhill Mr. Martine Geddeis hous west: Mr. William Cok, Mr. George Narne.

Fra Mr. Martine Geddeis hous west to the Port: Thomas Lundy, Dauid Dalgleis.

ffra Agnes Weymisis hous, Argyle, on bath the sydis of the gait, to Jhone Hageis hous: Thomas Diksoun, Jhone Hagy.

ffra Jhone Hageis hous to Jhone Levingstonis hous, including thairin Logeis Wynd and Kirk Wynd; Stevin Philp, Jhone Adamsoun.

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[1] At this time there were two John Honymans—father and son—baxters in St. Andrews. The father had become an apprentice in 1564, was elected positor or boxmaster in 1587, 1589, 1593, and 1594, and at length became deacon of his craft in 1596. Four of his sons were admitted as freemen of the same trade, and his descendants continued to follow the calling for more than two centuries in St. Andrews. Thomas Honyman, his direct descendant in the seventh generation, was entered as a freeman to the baxter craft in 1773, and is mentioned in its records as a member in 1789 (*Baxters' Books of St. Andrews*, MS.). Andrew Honyman, Bishop of Orkney, seems to have belonged to this family. According to the anonymous *Life of James Sharp*, first printed in 1678, although Honyman's 'father was but a baxter to his trade, and of small means, yet living in a university town, he easily got his sons bred at schools and colleges, dedicating more than one scone of the baking unto the Muses, for he had made all his four sons scholars, who were afterwards all ministers, yet such as might have profited the commonwealth more in following their father's trade of baking, than they have done the Church in following the ministry; being themselves as cakes unturned, neither raw nor roasted' (*Miscellanea Scotica*, ii. 68, 69).

Fra Jhone Levingstonis hous to Patrik Guthereis hous: Dauid Murray, Alexander Wynchister.

ffra Patrik Guthereis hous to Schir George Dowglasis hous, including thairin Scottis Clois, and the sowth end of the Hukstar Wynd[1] on baith the sydis: Mr. William Russell, Duncane Balfour.

Deaconis to collect the almous and distribut the samyn to the puir for the south parroche, 1594.

George Narne chirurgane, Dauid Myrtoun, for the first quarter.

Thomas Rekie for the secund.

Williame Couper, Peter Williamsoun, for the thrid.

Thomas Craig for the ferd.

James Thomsoun for the fyft.

Mr. Symone Greg for the sext.

The divisoun of elderis of the north parroche in quarteris, to oversie the maneris and conversatioun of the pepill, 1594.

ffra the North Gait Port to Androw Carnis hous, including thairin the haill Fischer Gait: James Lentroun, James Scheves, with the help of Mr. Dauid Blak minister.

Fra Androw Carnis hous round about to Androw Ramsayis hous: Androw Forrett, Androw Ramsay, Mr. James Ros.

ffra Androw Ramsayis hous to the Port, including thairin the College Wynde: Mr. Homer Blair, Mr. Williame Wemys.

ffra the Mercat Gait Port eist to the Fowill Weist, including thairin Jaksonis Clois: Mr. William Welwod, Charlis Watsoun scribe.

ffra the Fowill Waist eist and round about west to Alexander Patis hous: Androw Welwod, Jhone Wod.

ffra Alexander Paitis hous to the Mercat Gait Port: William Zuill, Mr. Robert Zuill, including thairin the New Clois.

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[1] *Sowth end of the Narrow Mercat Gait* in MS., which is certainly an error although repeated in October 1595. It is correctly given in October 1597. *Hukstar Wynd* is now known as *South Castle Street.*

Deaconis to collect the almois and distribute the sam[yn] to the puir in the north parroche, 1594.

Williame Dewar, William Geddy, Dauid Kynneir, for the first quarter.

Jhone [1] Blyth, James Porterfeild, Jhone Law, for the secund.

Thomas Blak, Jhone Budge, for the thrid, with Jhone Huniman.

James Leiche, Charlis Watsoun mercheand, for the fourt.

Dauid Wischart, Androw Adesoun, for the fyft.

Martine Lummisdane, Robert Williamsoun, for the sext quarter.

Die xxvij° mensis Novembris, 1594.

Decretum contra Joannem Gray.

The quhilk day, it [is] [2] cleirlie verefiit and provin befoir the sessioun that Jhone Gray smyth hes spokin diveris and sindry blasphemous and wikked wordis aganis God, Mris. Dauid Blak and Robert Wallace ministeris. And thairfor the sa[id] Jhone, being present, at decrete of the session, satt down on his kneis and in presens of the haill sessioun askit God mercy and the saidis ministe[ris] forgifnes; and is decernit with his awin consent, if evir he at ony tyme heireftir beis offencive or offendis the ministeris or ony memberis of the session in word or deid, that he sall mak publict satisfact[ion] as adulteraris usis in sec claith, and pay ane pecuniall sowme to the box of the puir at discretion of the sessioun and magistrati[s].

Die viij° Decembris, 1594.

Decrete aganis Robert Wilsoun.

The quhilk day, Robert Wilsoun plew wricht is decernit to mak publict humiliatioun in sek claith, to witt, to stand Sonday nixttocum fra [3] the secund bell to sermone quhill the thrid bell be cessit at the kirk dur; and thaireftir to sitt on ane stuill befoir the pulpeit, with ane papir about his heid, bering his falt writin thairin, to witt, that he hes kepit his barn xiiij owkis on baptizit, quhill the samyn decessit without

[1] Has been *James*.

[2] Omitted.

[3] *At* in MS.

baptisme.—The said Robert satisfeit this decret in al[l] thingis.

The quhilk day, it is verefiit and provin befoir the sessioun that James Keingzo officiar, being mariit with Jonet Hendersoun his laidfull spous, hes committit the filthie vice of adulterie with Elspott Eviott spous to Thomas Wilsoun. And thairfor the said James, be decrete of the sessioun, wes jokit, cartit and that throw the haill streitis of the town, and cariit to the North Hauche of this citee, the haill scolaris and utheris, ane grea[t] multitude of pepill, upon Mononday ane merkat day, being his convoy, casting rottin eggis filth and glar at him, wes at last dowkit ower the heid diveris tymes. And this wes also done be vertew of ane decrete of ane condigne assyis, ordourlie led aganis him, for the said filthie vice of adulterie. He is also decern[it] to be banisit the boundis of this citee, in the will and optioun of the magistratis, conforme to the Actis of Parliament and utheris actis maid in this citee. The sessioun hes also ordanit the said James to stand at the kirk dur, beir heddit and beir futtit, ilk precheing da[y] tyme of sermone, fra the secund bell quhill the last bell to sermon, in seclaith; and thaireftir to enter on the hichest degre of the penitent stuill, and sitt quhill the sermone and blessing be gevin, and to cum ilk tyme to the catichisme, and sa to continew quhill the kirk be satisfeit.[1]

Decrete aganis James Kengzow.

The quhilk day, Thomas Lummisdane, son to Alexander Lummisdane, James Robertson masoun, William Nicholsoun, Thomas Dalgleis, Patrik Cuik flescheour, being callit and convict befoir the session for nicht walking and extraordinar drinking, ar decernit, with thair[2] awin consentis, and oblist, if evir thai or ony of thame salbe fund heireftir nicht walkaris or extraordinar drinkaris, to pay xl s. for the first falt to the box of the puir; and sa oft as thai or ony of thame sall fall in the saidis vices heireftir to pay xx s. mair nor the xl s. for ilk falt, to be extendit so oft as ony of thame failyeis to the box of the puir unforgevin.

Obligatio Lummisdane, Robertsoun, Dalgles, &c.

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[1] The leaf, which ends here, has at one time been the outer cover of part of the book; and one or two leaves have been lost before the various fragments of the *Register* were bound together. The concluding portion is slightly wormed.

[2] *Thair* is interlined partly over *and* which is not deleted.

Decrete aganis Arthour Miln and Androw Cuik.

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes ordanit and decernit Arthour Miln couper deakin and Androw Cuik flescheour, for thair misbehaveour, and unreverend spichis and langege in sessioun, to sitt upon ane stuill befoir the pulpeit the haill tyme of sermone Sonday nixttocum; and thaireftir thai to ask God mercy, the haill sessioun and congregatioun forgifnes: and if thai or ony of thame fallis in the lyke falt heireftir, he that failyeis to sitt half ane yeir upoun the penitent stuill in sek claith, &c.—Thai haif maid humiliatioun publict for thair offence conforme [to][1] this decrete.

Die nono Martii, 1594.

Decrete aganis Thomas Monipenny.

The quhilk day, the sessioun with the advis of the magistratis hes decernit Thomas Monipenny to[2] morne, quhilk is Mononday the tent of Marche instant, for his adulterie with Cathrin Hucheoun, to be joggit, cartit, and dowkit, and thaireftir to satisfie the kirk be publict humiliatioun conforme to the actis. —Thomas wes joggit, cartit, and dowkit in the sey, conforme to this decrete.

Decrete aganis thame that wes fra sermone.

The quhilk day, Jhone Crummy smyth, Thomas Kilgour wobstar and Andro Mortoun, ar convict for being fra sermone upon Sonday eftir none; and thairfor thai ar ordanit to be poindit, conforme to the actis, be the magistrat[is].

Die xix° Martii, 1594.

Decrete aganis James Cristie.

The quhilk day, James Cristie is ordanit to mak publict humiliatioun, for sklandering of the congregatioun in fechting with James Philp.—Quhilk he did in deid.

Anent the contract of mariage.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that na persoun be contractit heireftir in mariage, onles thai can say the Lord his Prayar, Belef, and Ten Commandimentis; and if ony persoun present thame selfis quha can nocht say the samyn, the persoun failyeing to pay xl s. to the box of the puir.

Die penultimo Martii, 1595.

The quhilk day, Jhone Zoung wrycht is callit and accusit for

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[1] Omitted.

[2] *To be to* in MS.

dinging of Margret Steill his spous, conperit and denyis the samyn. The session statut to preif the samyn Weddinsday nixttocum. *Accusatio Joannis Zoung.*

Die secundo mensis Aprilis, 1595.

The quhilk day, Jhone Smyth mercheand callit befoir the sessioun for dinging of Jonet Guidlaid his spous, and misbehaving of hir, to the dishonour of God and sklander of the congregatioun, he conperit and confessis the samyn. The sessioun ordanit him to pay thre ĩib. to the box of the puir, and [he][1] is obleist of his awin consent, if evir he do the lyke offence to his wyffe heireftir, to pay to the box of the puir ten ĩi. saoft as he transgressis, unforgevin.—Jhone payit xx s. instantlie in part of pament of the thre ĩi. *Decretum contra Joannem Smyth.*

Die nono Aprilis, 1595.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that James Martine of Lathonis mak humiliatioun, for his tuois relapis in fornicatioun, conforme to the ordour, and to begyn Sonday nixttocum upon the penitent stuill, and also Sonday cum aucht dayis, to be than ressavit, providing that he first satisfie[2] the civile magistrat for his offencis conforme to the Act of Parliament.—James Martin maid publict humiliatioun, and payit ane pecuniall sowme for his impressoment, conforme to the decrete. Decrete aganis James Martin of Lathonis.

Die xvj^to Aprilis, 1595.

The quhilk day, Agnes Smyth, spous to Alexander Scharpe, being fund giltie and convict for abstracting hir persoun fra the kirk and hering of God his Word, is decernit Sonday nixttocum, tyme of sermone or eftir, befoir none, quhen sche beis requirit be the minister, to[3] ask God forgifnes and the haill congregatioun; and if evir sche beis fund giltie in the lyke heireftir to pay xx s., saoft as sche transgressis, to the box Decrete aganis Agnes Smyth.

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[1] Omitted. [2] *Satisfue* in MS. [3] *And* in MS.

of the puir, conforme to the Act of Parliament.—Agnes Smyth maid publict humiliatioun conforme to this decrete.

Decrete aganis Alexander Scharpe.

The samyn day, Alexander Scharpe baxter is decernit for blaspheme, spokin aganis God the ministeris and magistratis, and for making watter unreverendle in the kirk, to cum Sonday nixttocum upon the hichest degre of the penitent stuill, cled in sek claith, and sitt thair the haill tyme of sermone befoir none and prayaris, and thaireftir to cum down befoir the pulpleit,[1] and ask God the ministrie magistratis and haill congregatioun forgifnes.—The said Alexander Scharp satisfeit this decrete in all thingis.

Decrete aganis Androw Sellar.

The quhilk day, Androw Sellar, officiar to the sessioun, being callit accusit and convict for his ungodlie and unreverend behaveour and spiches in sessioun, is decernit to sitt Sonday nixttocum, tyme of sermone, befoir none, cled in sek claith, upon ane stuill befoir the pulpoit, and thaireftir ask God the haill sessioun and congregatioun forgifnes.—Androw Sellar satisfeit this decrete conforme to the tenour thairof.

Decrete aganis Androw Chaiplane.

The quhilk day, Androw Chaiplane is decernit to conpeir Sonday nixttocum in the kirk, quhen he beis callit upon, and mak humiliatioun for dinging of James Cristie, and skorning of Jhone Wod ane agit elder of the sessioun.—The said Androw obeyit this decret and satisfeit the samyn.

Die quarto mensis Maii, 1595.

Decrete aganis the maidwyffis.

The quhilk day, Alesoun Downy, Bessy Miller, Beigis Watsoun, and Cathrine Geddy, maidwyffis, being[2] callit and conperand befoir the sessioun, ar commandet, quhen thai or ony of thame beis chargit to be maidwyffis to ony woman tyme of hir birth, that thai speir at the woman with barne diligentle quha is the barnis father; and if the barne beis nocht gottin in laidfull marage, that thai incontinent signifie the samyn to the ministeris elderis and deaconis of the kirk, under pane of xl s., with thair awin consent, to the box of the puir.

Decrete aganis Robert Donaldsoun.

The quhilk day, Robert Donalsoun and Margret Masoun ar decernit to pay xl s., for nocht reveling of the barne born in

[1] *Sic.* [2] *Be* in MS.

thair hous be Jonet Masoun, gottin in adulterie be Jhone Beatoun of Pitlochie, and als to mak publict humiliatioun.—Robert Donaldsoun and Margret Masoun maid publict humiliatioun, and payit xl s. conforme to this decrete.

Decrete aganis Smart, Zong, Andersoun.

The quhilk day, Jhone Smart, Alexander Zoung, and Thomas Andersoun, milleris, ar ilk ane decernit to pay xx s. to the puiris box, for caring leidis on the Sabboth day, and to satisfe publicle, &c.—Thai haif maid humiliatioun, bot the money is nocht payit as yit.

Die xxv^to^ Maii, 1595.

Decrete aganis Cathrin Gilruif.

The quhilk day, Cathrin Gilruif is decernit upon Sonday nixttocum to ask God and the congregatioun forgifnes, for nocht cuming to the communioun and refusing to be reconcelit with Margret Oliphant.—Quhilk Cathrin hes satisfeit the decrete.

Admonitioun to Androw Wrycht.

The samyn day, Androw Wrycht is admonisit to keip his hous clein from drunkattis and cumpanie in drinking, on the Sabboth day, and utheris dayis tyme of sermone.

Die decimo quinto Junii, 1595.

Confessio Elene Hammilton.

The quhilk day, conperit Elene Hammilton, dochter to umquhill Mr. Robert[1] Hammilton,[2] and eftir lang proces and oft denyall at last grantis sche[3] hes borne ane madin barne in fornicatioun to umquhill Mr. Robert[1] Hammilton,[4] minister sum tyme of Kennowy, and that the barne wes born deid. The sessoun and magistratis ordanit hir to pay vj li., in part of pament of the Act for hir impressoment, and to mak publict humiliatioun conforme to the ordour.

Decretum[5] *ejusdem.*

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[1] *Robet* in MS.

[2] Presumably that Robert Hamilton who had been minister of St. Andrews, but see Lee's *Lectures*, i. 345. According to Scott:—'He married Elspeth, daughter of John Traill, younger of Magask, and granddaughter of John Traill of Blebow, and had three sons and a daughter, Robert, James, Thomas, and Helen. His widow subsequently married Mr. Thomas Buchanan, minister of Ceres' (*Fasti*, ii. 388).

[3] *Sch* in MS.

[4] This Robert Hamilton took his degree at St. Andrews in 1586, and was minister of Kennoway in 1590 and 1591, being succeeded there by William Scott in 1593 (*Fasti*, ii. 540).

[5] Has been *decrete*.

Die xviij^to mensis Junii, 1595.

Decrete aganis Arthour Miln.

The quhilk day, anent the bill of sklander gevin in befoir the sessioun be Robert Narne tailyeour aganis Arthour Miln, bering the said Arthour[1] to haif callit the said Robert mansworn and perjurit;[2] the said bill being sufficientle verefiit and provin, the sessioun remittit the said Arthour to the civile magistratis, Provest and bailyeis of this citee, requesting thame to putt this mater to the knawlege of ane assyis, that Arthour may be punisit thairfor conforme to the lawis; and thaireftir he to satisfie the kirk and be censsorit thairfor, conforme to the Word of God and act of the kirk.

Commissioner[3] to the Generall Assemblie.

The quhilk day, William Muffett bailye is electit commissioner to pas to the nixt Generall Assemblie, to be haldin at Montrois the xxiiij of Junii instant.

Die secundo Julii, 1595.

Decrete aganis Thomas Anderson his wyffe and dochter.

The quhilk day, Cathrin Andersoun, dochter to Thomas Andersoun and Effe Broun, being accusit for banning of hir father and mother, grantis sche said to hir father, The devill tak yow away! and said to hir mother, The devill stik hir! and sche, being commandit be hir mother to do ane honest turn, ansuerit, The devill ane futt will I do it! The session ordanit the father and mother, with thair dochter, all togidder upon Sonday nixttocum, to sitt on ane stuill befoir the pulpeit,[4] and ask God and the congregatioun forgifines; and, if thai tak nocht better ordour with thame selfis and thair barnis, to be banisit the boundis of this citee.—The father mother and dochter hes satisfeit conforme to this decrete.

Die xj^o Julii, 1595.

Decrete aganis George Dog.

The quhilk day, George Dog flescheour is decernit to sitt on the penitent stuill, cled in seck claith, four Sabboth dayis tyme of sermonis, for sklander gevin to the congregatioun in fechte-

[1] The words *bering the said Arthour* are repeated in MS.
[2] *Perjure* in MS. [3] *Commissioneris* in MS.
[4] *Sonday nixttocum* is here repeated in MS.

ing with Jhone Wobstar and schedding of his bluid, and to begyn Sonday nixttocum.—The said George hes satisfeit conforme to this decrete.

Die xxiiij^to^ Augusti, 1595.

The quhilk day, William Geddy is callit and admonisit to behaif him self in all tymes cuming godly and honestlie, alsueill in his familie with his wyffe and barnis, as[1] in uthers places, and to keip the kirk and sermonis, that he be nocht sklandrowis in the congregatioun, under pane of censsouris of the kirk. Admonitioun to William Geddy.

Die secundo mensis Septembris, 1595.

The quhilk day, it is decernit be the haill sessioun with ane voce that Stevin Philp, D[a]ne of Gild, for his unreverend speiking without licence in sessioun, and for his misbehaveour t[o] Schir George Dowglas and to the Rectour and haill session; and it is fund that the said Stevin hes transgressit the Act maid in this buik the viij of Januar 1594, and thairfor ordanis him to pay the sowme of ten ℔., contenit in the said Act, to the box of the puir; and to ask God the said Schir George, Rector, and haill sessoun forgifnes; and if evir he be offencive agane to the sessioun in the lyke cais, to be removit[2] fra the session, as ane nocht worthie to be ane membir thairof.—The said Stevin mad humiliatioun as said is. Decretie aganis Stevin Philp.

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The quhilk day, it is concludit and aggreit upon be the haill sessioun, that na member of the sessioun heireftir sall oppone aganis [the][3] form of the discipline of the kirk ressavit and observit in this kirk, and quha dois in the contrar salbe removit from sessioun and deposit fra the samyn. That nane speik agans the discipline of the kirk. *Nota.* A.

Die decimo mensis Septembris, 1595.

The quhilk day, Issobell Annell is decernit to mak publict humiliatioun for fecheing of Agnes Meluill, ane condamnit wiche, to consult with hir to cuir umquhill Patrik Wyle hir *Nota.* Decrete aganis certane personis for consulting with wiches.

[1] Has been *and.* [2] *Remoit* in MS. [3] Omitted.

spous; as also Issobell Symsoun for seiking of the said umquhill Agnes Meluill, and consulting with hir to cuir umquhill Jhone Blak hir spous. And James Chaiplane is decernit to mak publict humiliatioun for fecheing of umquhill Jonet Lochequoir, ane condamnit wiche, to cuir Jhone Richeartis wyffe in Straythkynnes. And Jhone Weddell younger is decernit to mak publict humiliatioun for fecheing of umquhill Elspot Gilcrist, ane condamnit wiche, to cuir umquhill Jonet Horsburth in Balmwngze.—The saidis personis maid publict humiliatioun as thai wer decernit.[1]

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[1] There is a blank space after this entry. From the words 'condamnit wiche' and 'umquhill' being applied to Agnes Melvill, Jonet Lochequoir and Elspot Gilcrist, it may be safely inferred that all the three had suffered the extreme penalty for their supposed crime. Agnes Melvill had been accused of witchcraft before the session in 1588 (*supra*, pp. 620-623). Perhaps she may be identified as the second witch said to have been consulted by Patrick Adamson, and described by Sempill as—

'Ane devill duelling in Anstruther,
Exceading Circes in conceattis,
For changene of Wlisses meatis:
Medusa's craftis scho culd declair,
In making eddars of her hair:
Medea's practicques scho had plane,
That could mak auld men young agane.'

Dalyell's *Scotish Poems of the Sixteenth Century*, p. 319.

By an Act of Parliament, of 4th June 1563, consulters of witches, as well as the witches themselves, were to be put to death (*Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, ii. 539); but the ecclesiastical discipline to which consulters were subjected was very much milder than might have been expected; for, in 1573, the General Assembly ordained 'all bishops, superintendents, and commissioners to plant kirks, to call all sick persons as salbe suspect to consult with witches before them, at their awin particular visitations, or utherwayes; and if they be found to have consulted with the saids witches, that they cause them make publick repentance in sackcloath upon ane Sonday in tyme of preaching, under the paine of excommunicatioun; and if they be disobedient, to proceid to excommunication, dew admonitions preceiding, (*Booke of the Universall Kirk*, i. 283). In the *Register of St. Andrews Presbytery* there are three short but suggestive references to witchcraft within three consecutive months of 1597. The first, which occurs on the 7th of July, runs thus:—'Mr. Nicoll Dalgleische proponit that the Crounner had cravit of him the extract of the depositionis of the witches brunt at St. Androis, quhilk he had grantit be the advyse of his sessioun, and thairfoir cravis the judgment of the Presbytrie: quhilk thai allowe.' These unhappy witches had been examined before the kirk-session of Pittenweem, for Dalgleish was minister of that parish; but had apparently been brought to St. Andrews, and were condemned by the King, when he came to thrust Black and Wallace out of their ministry here; for, part of a letter,

Die decimo quinto mensis Octobris, anno nonagesimo quinto.

Nota. Electioun of elderis and deaconis, 1595.

The quhilk day being appointit to the electioun of elderis and deaconis in this citee for this yeir in to cum, all parteis haifand interes being, upon Sonday last wes, the xij of October instant, publiclie furth of the pulpeit warnit be Mr. Dauid Blak minister to conpeir this day to object; and becaus nane conperit to that effect the sessioun presentlie convenit, eftir

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written on the 13th of July by Bowes to Burghley, is thus summarised :—'The King's proceedings at St. Andrews against the preachers and witches. Many witches executed; their service to the devil' (Thorpe's *Calendar of State Papers, Scotland*, ii. 739). It was on the 12th of next month that the Privy Council discharged commissions of justiciary against witches—not because they had any dubiety as to the punishment merited by 'witchecraft, sorcerie, inchantment, or sic divilishe practizeis, quhairwith the haill land is defyllit,' nor because his Majesty now perceived that the alleged practices were only delusions, for it is expressly stated that 'his Heynes intendis to perseveir till that maist odious and abhominable cryme be tryit and punisheit with all extremitie,' but because such commissions were liable to be abused against innocent persons (*Register of Privy Council*, v. 409, 410). In referring to this Act of Privy Council, Dr. Robert Chambers has said :—'At this time, the enthusiastic section of the Church was in a state of discouragement; otherwise the King might not have been able to concede to the representations made to him against witch-commissions. It is too remarkable to be overlooked, that the heat of persecution against these unfortunates was generally in some proportion to the influence of the more zealous clergy, either through their direct agency or through the fear for their reproaches in others' (*Domestic Annals of Scotland*, 1874, i. 292). But, as Black and Wallace were conspicuous even among 'the more zealous clergy,' the esteemed writer would probably have given his remarks another turn, if he had had the King's doings at St. Andrews in the previous month before him. On the 17th of August the Presbytery appointed a fast in these terms :—'*Item*, because of Goddis jugementis presentlie strykinge be pestilence and famine, as also of the discoverie of the gryt empyre of the deivill in this countrey be witchecraft, it is ordanit that ane publik fast and humiliatioun be intimat this nixt Sabothe, to be celebrat the tua Sabothis immediatlie followinge.' And on the 1st of September there is this other entry in the *Register of the Presbytery* :—'As also a supplicatioun to be maid to his Majestie for repressing of the horrible abuse by carying a witch about; and Mr. Robert Wilichie ordanit to request the magistratis of Sanctandrois to stay the same thair.' The witch here referred to was no doubt carried about to detect other witches (see *Booke of the Universall Kirk*, iii. 937, 938); in all likelihood she was none other than Margaret Aitken, 'the great witch of Balwery' (see Spottiswoode's *History*, Spot. Soc. iii. 66, 67; Chambers's *Domestic Annals*, i. 291; *Register of Privy Council*, v. 410, n.); and so it is plain that at least one Presbytery, despite its zeal against witchcraft, emphatically disapproved of such a method of discovering witches.

ernest incalling upon the holy name of God, ordanit the electioun to proceid in this maner: to witt, Maister Androw Meluill, Rectour of the Universite, and remanent membris thairof, quha wer elderis this last yeir being removit, the haill remanent sessioun remaning be voting electit elderis of thame that wes removit, quhilk being done, thai enterit agane in sessioun; and eftir four or fyve utheris personis elderis being also removit, the remanent sessioun be voting electit of thame that wes removit elderis; and safurth successive, four or fyve brethering elderis and deaconis being removit, the remanent sessioun remaning electit and chusit elderis and deaconis, quhill the haill number of the brethering passit throche. And thaireftir the haill brethering of sessioun being to gidder at ane tyme, the personis nominat of new to stand in electioun being red in presens of the haill sessioun, the sessioun be voting electit elderis and deaconis to be adjonit with the rest new electit, to stand for this yeir in to cum; and thai to be publiclie ressavit suorn and admittit Sonday nixttocum be the minister: quhais names new electit followis heireftir.

Mr. Dauid Blak minister. Mr. Robert Wallace minister.

Elderis for the south parroche, 1595.

Mr. Androw Meluill, Rector of the Universite
Schir George Dowglas of Elenehill, knycht[1]
James Lermonth of Darsy, Provest of St. Androus
Mr. Williame Mwrray
Dauid Mwrray
Mr. Jhone Jhonstoun
Mr. Robert Mawll, commissar
Duncane Balfour, bailye
Mr. George Mernis, bailye
Mr. Dauid Auchmowty, elder *Nota*
Alexander Wynchister
Dauid Dalgleis
Mr. Henry Russell
Thomas Diksoun
Jhone Hagy.

Deaconis thair.
Mr. Symone Greg
Jhone Bryde
Thomas Craig
William Coupar
James Thomsoun
Jhone Scheves
Robert Narne
Thomas Rekie.

[1] This Sir George Douglas, now elected an elder for the third time, was that George Douglas who enabled Queen Mary to escape from Lochleven Castle (*Register of Great Seal*, vol. v. No. 2023).

Elderis for the north parroche.

Mr. Dauid Moripenny, Dane of Fauculte
Mr. William Welwod
Mr. Homer Blair
James Hay
Mr. William Wemys
Androw Welwod
Mr. William Russell
William Zuill
James Lentron
Androw Ramsay
Androw Forrett
Charlis Watsoun, scribe
James Leiche.

Deaconis thair.
William Lentroun
James Porterfeild
William Geddy, mariner
Patrik Litiljhone
Androw Adamson
Alexander Symsoun
Martine Lummisdane
James Tailzeour
Robert Williamsoun.

The divisioun of elderis and deaconis in the south parroche in quarteri[s], to oversie the maneris of the pepill, and the deaconis to vesy the puir, collect and distribute thair almous. 1595. Mr. Robert Wallace minister.

ffra the Eist Burne Wynd west to Mr. Martine Geddeis hous, on the south syde of the South Gait: Mr. Robert Mawill commissar, Alexander Wynchister, elderis, and Robert Narne, deacone.

ffra Mr. Martine Geddeis hous to the West Port: Dauid Dalgleis elder, Thomas Rekie and Jhone Bryde deaconis.

ffra the Port west Airgaill, and eist to Jhone Hageis hous: Thomas Diksoun, Jhone Hagy, elderis, and William Coupar deacone.

ffra Jhone Hageis hous to Jhone Levingstonis hous, including thairin Logeis Wynde and Kirk Wynd: Mr. George Mernis elder, and Thomas Craig deacone.

ffra Jhone Levingstonis hous to Patrik Guthereis hous: Dauid Mwrray elder, and James Thomsoun deacone, including thairin the Baikhous Wynd and New Clois.

ffra Patrik Guthereis hous to Schir George Dowglasis hous, including thairin Scottis Clois and the south end of the Hukstar Wynd[1] on baith the sydis of the gait: Duncane Balfour, Mr.

[1] *South end of the Narrow Marcat Gait* in MS. as on p. 791.

Henry Russell, elderis, and Mr. Symone Greg and Jhone Scheves, deaconis.

Mr. Dauid Blak minister.

The divisioun of elderis and deaconis in the north parroche in quarteris, to the effect aboif rehersit.

In the Mercat Gait.

ffra the Port on the south syde eist to Alexander Paitis hous: Mr. William Welwod, William Zuill, elderis, Robert Williamsoun, deacone.

ffra Alexander Paitis hous eist the Mercat Gait and west to the Foule Waist: Mr. William Russell elder, Androw Adesoun and Alexander Symsoun, deacones.[1]

ffra the Fowill Waist west to the Port: Androw Welwod, Charlis Watsoun scribe, and James Leiche, elderis, and Martine Lummisdane deacone.

In the North Gait.

ffra the Port on the north syde est to Androw Carnis hous, including thairin the Fischer Gait: Mr. Dauid Monipenny, Dane of Faculte, Mr. Homer Blair, and James Lentroun, elderis, and Patrik Litiljhone deacone.

ffra Androw Carnis hous eist, and west to Androw Ramsayis hous: Androw Forrett elder, William Lentroun, James Porterfeild, and William Geddy mariner, deaconis.

ffra Androw Ramsayis hous west to the Port, including thairin Jaksonis Clois, College Wynde, and Baikhous Wynde: Androw Ramsay, Mr. William Wemys, elderis, and James Tailzeour deacone.

Certane actis and statutis concerning the membiris of the sessioun, and ordour of the samyn.

Die Sabbati,[2] *xxvj*^{to} *mensis Octobris*, 1595.

Ratificatioun of the actis and statutis.

The quhilk day, the bretherin of the sessioun being convenit, eftir ernest incalling upon the holy name of God, the actis and

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[1] *Deacone* in MS.

[2] *Die Sabbati* here stands, perhaps by mistake, for the Lord's day.

statutis of the sessioun being red, thai nocht onlie ratifeit the samyn, bot also all utheris actis and statutis maid in this buik be thair predicessouris of befoir, to the glorie of God and weill of his kirk, promising to obey and keip the samyn to thair power; quhilkis actis and statutis followis in particular.

In the first, the brethering of the sessioun promissis to stay remoif and withstand, at thair power, all idolatrie blasphemie disordour, and all uther thingis contrar to the Word of God and forme of discipline ressavit conforme to the Word of God.

That the bretherein withstand all idolatrie and syn;

And quhen ony member of the sessioun sall understand ony thing worthie to be reportit to the saitt, that thai sall, without hetred favour or effectioun particular, declair the samyn to the ministeris, that ordour may be takin thairwith.

and report all transgressioun.

The quhilk day, the haill ministeris and brethering of sessioun with ane consent statutis and ordanis and promissis faithfullie to convein upon Weddinsday ouklie to the sessioun; and quha beis absent the haill day, tyme of sessioun, sall pay iij s. iiij d., and quha cummis in eftir the prayar tuenty penneis; and the ministeris to pay ilk ane of thame vj s. viij d. on forgevin to the box of the puir; and na excuisis to haif place, except seiknes and furth of the town; providing if ony bruther haif ane neidfull turn that man of necessite be done at that tyme, that he cum to the ministeris, Mr. Robert Zuill, or clerk, and signifie thair necessite, that thai may report the samyn to the bretherein, to considder thairupon quhidder the excuis be laidfull or nocht; and to that effect the bell to knell at halfe hour to tua houris, quhill tua houris be strukin.

Nota. Anent the tyme of convening to sessioun and penulteis thairfor.

Hora.

The quhilk day, it is statut and ordanit that ilk elder and deacone sall conpeir with his awin quarter to catichisme, he being warnit particularlie thairto; and quha conperis nocht sall pay to the box of the puir iij s. iiij d. for ilk falt, on forgevin, unles he be seik or furth of the town, or schaw his caus of absens befoir to the examinatour that the samyn may be considderit be the sessioun.

Anent the convening of the elderis and deaconis to catichisme.

The quhilk day, it is statut and concludit be the sessioun that the elderis and deaconis of ilk quarter sall tak tryall of all faultis and enormiteis within thair awin quarter, and sall adverteis the minister of the parroche of the fault that he may juge upon the fault and cryme, quhidder the elderis and

That the elderis and deaconis tak tryall of all faultis and report thair diligens ilk Weddinsday.

deaconis may privalie tak triall thairin, or if the samyn aucht to be jugit be the haill bretherein; and siclyke that the elderis and deaconis tak triall of sic personis as ar seik, of strang and vagabound idill personis and beggaris, and of wemen that keipis houssis be thame selfis, nocht wedowis and on mariit; and that thai report thair diligens in the premissis to the sessioun ilk Weddinsday.

Nota. That all thingis treatit in sessioun be kepit secrete.

The quhilk day, it is statut and ordanit that all thingis enterit in and ressonit amangis the bretherin in sessioun, to the end and finall conclusioun of the caus salbe kepit secrete, and then being askit of ony persoun tuicheing the quite[1] thairof, and quhat wes thair part of ony mannis voit, we sall refer us simplie to the decrete without ony excuis of our awin persoun, under pane of infamie and deprivatioun from the saitt.

Nota. Thatt nane sall speik in sessioun without licence.

The quhilk day, it is statut and ordanit, that all thingis may be done with gude ordour and discretioun, [that][2] ane onlie sall speik as he salbe requerit with reverence his jugement; and if ony persoun sall speik in sessioun, without licence askit and obtenit of the moderatour, [he][2] sall pay to the box of the puir on forgevin aucht penneis incontinent and immediatlie eftir the offens.

That nane enter to the stuill nor in sessioun with armour.

The quhilk day, it is statut and concludit that na persoun sall cum to the stuill of repentance armit with sowrd nor gun; and siclyke that na persoun, callit befoir the sessioun for ony cryme allegit and proponit aganis him, sall enter in befoir thame armit with sowrd or gun heireftir.

Anent thame that sall remane in sessioun with the bretherin.

The quhilk day, it is statut and concludit be the sessioun that nane sall remane with us in sessioun, nather at voting nor yit in cumpanie, bot sic as ar allowit of the maisteris of the collegis, and ar sworn with us nocht to reveill ony thing intreatit in this sessioun.

Anent the visitatioun of the town tyme of sermone.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit be the sessioun that the elderis and deaconis of ilk quarter, thair owk about, fra this furth, begynand at the eist quarter on sowth syde of the Sowth Gait, ilk day tyme of precheing and sermone, alsueill on Sonday befoir and eftir none, as utheris dayis tyme of sermone, pas furth throche town and boundis of this citee, and vesy the

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[1] *Equite* in Act of 5th November 1572. See *supra*, p. 369. [2] Omitted.

absentis fra sermone in taveronis, aill-houssis, caichpellis, and utheris partis, and report the transgressouris to the sessioun; and about the end of the sermone that thai enter in the kirk, and remane at the eist and mekill kirk durris, that nane pas furth quhill the blessing be gevin be the minister; and to noit and report the transgressouris to the sessioun that ordour may be takin thairwith.

Anent thame that opponis aganis the discipline of the kirk.

It is statut be the sessioun that nane of the sessioun sall oppone aganis the forme of discipline of the kirk, ressavit and observit in this kirk and congregatioun, under pane of deprivatioun and deposing of thame self of the sessioun.

Anent the biging of saitis in the kirk.

The quhilk day, it is divisit be the sessioun that nane erect saittis in the kirk, without leif of the magistratis and sessioun, under pane of dimolising of the samyn, and applying thairof to the use of the puir.[1]

1595.

Actis and statutis appointit indifferentlie to all the membris of this congregatioun, to the end that godlines may be mentenit and syn punisit, maid of auld, be advise of Provest bailyeis counsall ministrie and sessioun of St. Androus; now of new ratifiit and approvit, and ordanit to be publisit for the better observing of the samyn, the tuelf day of November, the yeir of God j^{m}v^{c} fourscoir fyvetene yeiris.

1.

That maisteris of famileis tak ordour in thair awin houssis.[2]

Anent thame that absentis thame selfis from hering of the Word.

In the first, that diligent triall be takin owklie of sic as abstrackis thame selfis from the sermonis, Sonday, and utheris dayis tyme of sermone, and from the catichisme; and that na persoun of laufull age be fund nor sein, tyme of sermone, vagand idill furth of the kirk, eftir the ringing of the thrid bell to sermone, nor exercesing ony busines temporall, nor at playis nor gammis; and that na barne without discretioun be brocht to the kirk tyme of sermone. Ilk transgressour upon the Sabboth day sall incur the panis contenit in the Act of Parliament saoft as thai transgres; and saoft as thai transgres utheris dayis tyme of sermone vj s. viij d., to the box of the puir, conforme to the actis of this citee, and nocht the les censsorit be ecclesiasticall discipline.

2.

Item, that na buith durris, mercheand nor na uther craftis-

[1] The next page is left blank.

[2] See No. 16, p. 811.

Anent the brekaris of the Sabboth.

man, be opint upon Sonday, nor na uther dayis tyme of sermone, eftir the ringing of the last bell to sermone; and that all caichepellis be than closit; and that na topperis of wyne nor aill prepair ony disjunnis, nor sell wyne nor aill at that tyme; and that nane be fund than drinkand in taveroun nor aill houssis; and that na mercheand dreipar flescheour fischear nor hukstar sell ony mercheandeis fische nor flesche; and that nane leadis be cariit on the Sabboth day. The transgressouris on the Sabboth to incur the panis contenit in the Act of Parliament, and on utheris dayis tyme of sermone to pay vj s. viij d. to the box of the puir, conforme to the auld actis of this citee, and also censsorit be ecclesiasticall discipline.

3. Anent thame that keipis superstitious dayis.

And siclyke quha keipis ony superstitious dayis, as Zuill day Peace day or ony uther holy dayis, or that hes ony uther face of religioun nor that quhilk God of his mercy hes offerit to us, salbe estemit Papistis, and sall underly the punischement of the Act of Parliament, and also censsorit be ecclesiasticall discipline.

4. Anent thame that takis God his holy name in vane. *Nota.*

Item, it is statut and ordanit that all bannaris and blasphemous sweraris, and quha takis the holy name of God in vane, all flytaris flatteraris bykbytaris of thair nichbouris drunkardis nicht walkaris and wikked sklanderaris, sall pay for the first falt x s., the nixt xvj s., the thrid banisit the boundis of this cite—and also censsorit be ecclesiasticall discipline; requesting all godly and faithfull personis to deleat sic transgressouris to the elderis and deaconis of the quarter, that ordour may be put thairto.

5. Anent thame that defylis the kirk yaird.

Item, it is statut that nane presume to flaik dicht dry nor pak woll nor lint, saw treis, dicht malt corne, pak nor dry skynnis, in the kirk yaird, nor fyle[1] the samyn, nor do ony

[1] In those days the defiling of the church or church-yard was considered of little moment. Archbishop Adamson's excommunication of the Melvilles in 1586, 'was as mikle thought of, even amangs the peiple, as giff he haid *fylled* the kirk' (Melville's *Diary*, p. 247). In Cupar even greater liberty was taken with the burying-ground than in St. Andrews. '*Aprilis* 28, 1592. The quhilk day, &c., the brethering requyrit Dauid Philp, in Couper of Fyfe, to produce his rycht, the day aucht dayis, quhilk he hed to the Auld Kirkyaird of Couper occupeit be him; and inhibitis him fra ony farder laboring thairof, and to lay doun the feallis thairof quhilk ar alrady castin up, becaus it hes bene ane buriall place of the sainctis of God; and in case he failye his minister to proceid aganis [him] with the censuris of the kirk' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

uther labour nor handling thairin heireftir, and that nane bring thair doggis to the kirk, under the pane of viij s., to be upliftit of ilk transgressour, saoft as thai failye, to the box of the puir. And that every maister of hous, maister of scole and baikhoussis, tak diligent cuir of thair barnis and familie,[1] that thai transgres nocht in the premissis; and that nane play in the kirk yaird nor cast stanis upon the sklatis under the pane foirsaid.

6. Anent visitouris tyme of sermone.

Item, that the transgressouris of thir statutis may be knawin, it is statute that ilk day tyme of sermone, tua elderis ane deakin, and ane officiar at command of ane bailye, pas and vesy the boundis of this citee, and noit the transgressouris, that ordour may be takin thairanent.

7. Anent adulteraris and fornicatouris.

Item, that all adulteraris incestious personis and fornicatouris salbe punisit conforme to the Act of Parliament.

8. Anent thame that gevis sklander befoir mariage.

Item, if ony persoun salbe knawin to gif sklander be carnall copulatioun befoir solemnizatioun of thair mariage, quhidder thai haif maid promis or nocht, [thai][2] salbe haldin to mak publict humiliatioun befoir thai be mariit, sitting upon the penitent stuill, betuix the pulpeit and publict place of repentans; and if the copulatioun be befoir the contract, thai salbe punisit as fornicatouris conforme to the ordour.

9. Anent thame that suld rehers the Beleif befoir mariage.

Item, that nane be mariit in tyme cuming bot sic as can say the Lordis Prayar, Beleif and Ten Commandimentis, tyme of thair contracting. And if ony persoun present thame selfis to be contractit that can nocht say nor rehers the samyn, [thai][2] sall pay xl s. to the box of the puir unforgevin.

10. Anent thame that suld be admittit to communioun.

Item, it is statut that na persoun be admittit to the communioun, but sic as confessis the treuth with us, and substractis nocht thame selfis frome precheing and catichising; and that can say the Lord his Prayer and Ten Commandimentis, and that can ansour to the questionis of the *Litill Catichisme*;[3]

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[1] *Familite* in MS. [2] Omitted.

[3] The translation of Calvin's *Catechism*, first reprinted at Edinburgh in 1564, had subjoined to it:—*The Maner to Examine Children, before they be admitted to the Supper of the Lord.* This was known as *The Little Catechism*, and it has been reprinted by Laing (Knox's *Works*, vi. 343-345), and by Bonar (*Catechisms of the Scottish Reformation*, pp. 93-95). It was 'thoght neidfull,' by the General Assembly, on the 30th of May 1592, 'that every pastour travell with his flock,' that they may buy Craig's *Forme of Examination before the Com-*

and that thai be xvj yeiris of aige; and this to be done at discretioun of the ministeris and examinatouris. And thai quha refusis to communicat with the bretherein, and wilfullie abstrakis thame thairfra, salbe estemit Papistis, and punisit thairfor conforme to the Act of Parliament, and also thoill ecclesiasticall discipline.

11. Anent concord and reconsiliatioun.

Item, becaus without concord cherite luif and amite be amangis the membris of Jesus Christ in ane congregatioun, unpossibill it is that godlines be mentenit or discipline execut; thairfor it is statut and ordanit that all sic personis as will nocht be reconcelit with thair bretherein, bot remanis still in hetred and discentioun, being admonisit be the ministrie to reconciliatioun eftir the forme of the Evangell, that sic personis haif na benefite of the kirk, and salbe censsorit be ecclesiasticall discipline.

12. Anent the convoying of the deid to buriall.

Item, for convoying of the deid to buriall, alsueill puir as riche, it is statut that all inhabitantis of this cite, specialie in that quarter quhair the persoun is departit, thai, with the elderis and deaconis of that quarter, with thair wyffis, convoy the deid to buriall, under pane of vj d., to be upliftit of ilk persoun disobeyand; and that nane be buriit bot betuix the son rysing and down passing thairof; and that nane be buriit nather tyme of sermone nor dennar.

13. Anent thame that gangis with the puir folkis brodis.

Item, it is statut and ordanit that quha soevir beis warnit to pas with the puir folkis broddis, to collect the puir folkis almois, Sonday Weddnisday and Friday, and refuisis, sall pay alsmekill for that day as his nichbour that day collectis quha gangis with the uther brod, on forgevin, onles he haif sum ressonabill excuis verefeit and knawin to the sessioun.

14. Anent thame that suld cum to the stuill of repentance.

Item, it is statut that all personis quhatsumevir, appointit be the sessioun to mak publict humiliatioun, sall cum to the kirk ilk tyme of catichesime, during the tyme appointit to thame of humiliatioun, to learne the doctrine of trew repentance, befoir thai cum to the stuill of publict humiliatioun;

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munion, 'and reid it in thair families, that they may be the better instructit; and that the samein be red and learnit in lecture schooles in the place of the *Litle Catechisme*' (*Booke of the Universall Kirk*, ii. 788). This small work of Craig's is also reprinted by Bonar (*Catechisms of the Scottish Reformation*, pp. 273-285).

that, quhen thai cum thair, thai may ansuer to sic hedis of repentance as the minister sall propone to thame befoir thai be ressavit; and that nane cum to the stuill of repentans armit with sowrd nor gun.

Item, it is statut and ordanit that all parteis to be contractit in mariage heireftir sall, tyme of thair contracting, deliver ane plege worth ten ℔., that thai sall marie within xl dayis nixt eftir thair contract, and that thai sall nocht haif carnall daill quhill thai be mariit; and, quhidder thai marie or nocht, if thai haif carnall daill, thai sall pay the said x ℔. to the box of the puir. 15. Anent contracting of mariage.

Item, it is statut that all maisteris of houshaldis tak gude ordour within his awin hous and familie for correcting of all vices, and that he deleat to the ministrie elderis and deaconis of the quarter all incorrigeabill personis, that ordour may be takin with thame, and punisit conforme to the law of God actis of Parliament and Kirk. And in the meanetyme requeisting all godlie men and bretherein, in the name of the eternall God and Christ Jesus his Sone, to deleat all sic as thai knaw or sall gait knawlege of heireftir, that sall tak the name of God in vane, ban sweir flytt, speik vicious and filthie talk, drunkardis nicht walkaris murtheraris, committaris of incest adulterie and fornicatioun or of ony uther notorious cryme, that thai may be callit accusit and punisit thairfor, conforme to the Word of God his Majesteis lawis and actis of the Kirk. 16. That maisteris of famileis tak ordour with thair awin houssis.

Die xij° Novembris, 1595.

The quhilk day, Thomas Carstaris smyth, William Nicholsoun and Cathrin Orry his spous, Androw Scott, and William Staig baxter, being callit and accusit for nocht keping of the kirk and sermonis, Sonday Weddinsday and Friday, promisis to amend in tyme cuming, under [pane of][1] censsouris of the kirk. Decrete aganis certane personis for nocht keping of the kirk.

The quhilk day, Margret Ogiluy is decernit to mak publict humiliatioun for saying to the visitouris, Lett thame gang to the kirk that wynnis thair mait in the kirk!—Sche hes satisfeit. Decrete aganis Margret Ogiluy.

The quhilk day William Staig[2] and his wyffe ar decernit to Saig.[2]

[1] Omitted. [2] *Sic.*

mak publict humiliatioun for flyting to gidder. Quhilk day satisfeit.

Satisfactio Ferry, Bell.

The quhilk day William Ferry in Ladeddy and Margret Bell ar decernit to mak satisfactioun for fornication.—Thai haif satisfeit.

Die decimo Decembris, 1595.

Decrete aganis Robert Arthour and Jhone Hering.

The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Zuill accusit Robert Arthour for writing of ane fals testimoniall to Jhone Hering cordinar to be send to Mr. Henry Philp minister of Creiche, to marie the said Jhone Hering with Cathrin Baxter. The said Robert present grantis the writing thairof, and that he deliverit the samyn to the said Jhone Hering. The said Jhone Hering being also present grantis the samyn. The sessioun hes ordanit Robert Arthour to mak publict humiliatioun for his said offens, thre sindry Sondayis in sek claith, and thaireftir to cum down befoir the pulpeit and ask God and the haill peipill forgifnes, as also the said Jhone Hering for using of the samyn, remitting also Jhone Hering to the civile magistratis, &c.

Die xiiij^to^ mensis Decembris, 1595.

Decretum contra Methven.

The quhilk day Cristene Methven is decernit to adheir to Alexander Doby hir spous under pane of censsouris of the kirk.

Die viij^o^ mensis Januarii, 1595.

Anent the ringing of the thre bellis to the exerces.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit be the sessioun, with advys of Provest and bailyeis present, that in all tymes cuming the bell sall ring thrys to the exerceis ilk Thurisday.[1] The first bell to begyn at half hour to nyne, the secund at nyne houris, and the

[1] The exercise on Thursday was conducted by the Presbytery, and the subjects for discussion were systematically arranged. 'November 9, [1598]. . . . Ordenis that the maisteris of philosophie be present the nixt day, that order may be takin with them for being upon the exerceis' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). On the 16th of November, 'compeirit the maisteris of philosophie, and aggreit to enter upon the exerceis againe' (*Ibid.*).

thrid to dowbill and ring at sic tyme as the man that makis the exerceis sall appoint.

Die xj° Januarii, 1595.

The quhilk day Margret Lawmonth is decernit to adheir to George Ramsy hir spous under pane of censsouris of the kirk. Margret Lawmonth to adheir.

Die xxviij° Januarii, 1595.

The quhilk day, Elene Dayis, spous to Arthour Miln, is decernit to mak publict humiliatioun, for hir contempt in nocht keping of the kirk and catichesing, and for hir disobedience to the sessioun. Decrete aganis Elene Dayis.

Die 15 *Februarii*, 1595.

The quhilk day, James Robertsoun masoun, William Staig and James Pittillo, ar decernit to mak publict humiliatioun, for drinking on the Sabboth day tyme of sermone. Decrete aganis James Robertsoun, Staig, Pittillow.

The quhilk day, Mwngo Fortoun is decernit to mak publict humiliatioun, for passing furth of this citee to Luicheris on the Sabboth day, and for drinking thair tyme of sermone. Decrete aganis Mwngo Fortoun.

The quhilk day, Annabill Watsoun is decernit to mak publict humiliatioun befoir the pulpeit Sonday nixttocum, for prophaning of God his name upon the hie streit in ane godles maner. Decrete aganis Annabill Watsoun.

The quhilk day, Alesoun Downy is decernit to mak publict humiliatioun, for blaspheming the holy name of God and for hir wikked speking. Decrete aganis Alesoun Downy.

Die 22 *Februarii*, 1595.

The quhilk day, the sessioun decernis Androw Barcley and Dauid Michell to mak publict humiliatioun, for breking of the Sabboth in passing to Luicheris. Decrete aganis Barclay, Michell.

Die primo Martii, 1595.

The quhilk day, Jhone Ros, maister of the sang scole, maist

Jhone Rosis humiliatioun.

humlie, with all reverence[1] on his kneis befoir the sessioun, askit God mercy and the kirk forgifnes for his negligens, and for his using and playing of ane part of the comode and play in St. Leonardis College, tyme of the last baichelar act, by advys of the kirk; as also Mr. Jhone Heklein,[2] regent to the baitchelaris, and Mr. Jhone Dowglas, pedegog to my Lord Bucheane, confessis, in presens of the sessioun, that it wes aganis thair willis that the samyn play wes playit; and promissis heireftir to stay and withstand all sic thingis at thair power, and nevir to do the lyke in tyme cuming. And thairfor the sessioun ordanis Jhone Rosis humiliatioun, and thair declaratioun and promis, to be publisit to the pepill Sonday nixttocum.

Mr. Jhone Heklein and Mr. Jhone Dowlglasis promis.[3]

Die tertio Marcii, 1595.

Anent thame that persewis utheris befoir the sessioun.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun,[4] if ony persoun persewis ane uther befoir the sessioun for ony actioun of sklander, if the mater be remittit to the civill magistrat, the persewar sall report the civill magistratis ansuer in that mater within fyvtein dayis, under pane of[5] xx s. to the puir and publict satisfactioun, &c.; and this to be publictlie intimat.

Die xj mensis Aprilis, 1596.

Decreit agans William Vtein.

William Vtein to mak publict humiliatione Sonday nixttocum, for breking of the Sabboth [be][6] extraordinar drinking, and for resche wickit speking.

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[1] *Revereice* in MS.

[2] This Mr. Jhone Heklein—or, as he is named on his tombstone in the Cathedral burying-ground of St. Andrews, M · IOHAN · ECHLIN · A · PITTADROV —was an elder brother of that 'Robertus Echlyne' who was laureated at St. Andrews University in 1596—'*pridie kalendas sextileis*'—who became minister of Inverkeithing and afterwards Bishop of Down and Connor. Monteith gives the age of Mr. John at his death as 52 instead of 32 (*Theater of Mortality*, 1713, pp. 118, 119), and this has so far misled the Rev. John R. Echlin that he supposes him to be the uncle instead of the brother of the Bishop (*Genealogical Memoirs of the Echlin Family*, second ed., pp. 24, 32).

[3] *Pmis* in MS.

[4] The words *be the sessioun* are repeated in MS.

[5] *Of of* in MS. [6] Omitted.

Die 27° Aprilis, 1596.

The quhilk day, the haill tikkitis to be writin and subscryvit be Charlis Watsoun clerk; and Mris. Robert Zwle, William Russell, George Mernis and William Weimyis, to stand at the litill kirk dure, to ressave and try the tikkitis, and nane to enter bot at that dur; and the ministeris to wrett our the tikittis, and delyver to the clerk the haill persouns that ar admittit; and nane to be admittit bott sic as ar contenit in the ministeris roll. Mr. William Wemys and George Mernis to speak the chalmerlane for bred and wyne. Robert Williamsoun, Jhone Hagy, Alexander Symsoun, Androw Adisoun, Martyne Lumsdane, Thomas Reky, William Lentroun, Patrik Littiljhone and Thomas Craig, to servie the taball with bred and wyne. Mr. Robert Wallace, with the Provest and bailyeis, to kepe the ile durris.

Ordour anent the communioun. *Nota.*

Die 2 mensis Maii,[1] 1596.

The quhilk day—being appointit to try the lyfe and conversatione of the haill members of the sessioun alsueill ministeris as elderis and deaconis—Mr. Dauid Blak minister being removit, thair is na thing objectit aganis him, bot all the brethrein praisis God of him, and that he may contenew in his feir.[2] Mr.

Nota. Anent the censsoring of elderis.

[1] *Martii* in MS.

[2] On the 9th of October 1595, 'the Presbyterie ordanis ane universall tryell of ther haill memberis, and first to begin at St. Andros, quhairfoir Mr. Dauid Blak was removitt, and the judgement of the bredrene cravitt concerning him in doctrene lyf and conversatione.' Three of the brethren had faults to lay against him; but, on his 'ansueris being hard and considerat be the saidis personis, thay war fullie satisfiet and contentit theirwith.' 'Mr. Dauid being removit agane, and the judgement of the rest of the bredring cravitt concerning his doctrene lyf and conversatione, thay all ansuerit in ane vos that thay presid God in his behalf, and condemnit them selfis that thay fand not sik fedeletie and cairfulnes in them selfis in discharging of their callingis: yit, being cravitt of new agane, gif be report of ony uthers thay had hard ony thing quhairin thay war offendit with the said Mr. Dauid, than the bredring ansuerit that thay fand sum of the Provintiall Assemble haldin at Dysert to have bene offendit with the said Mr. Dauid, be ressone of dyvers reportis quhilk had cum to their eiris, namelie, that Mr. Dauid in his sermontis suld invay aganis ministeris, in his sermontis calling sum of them—Pynt-aill ministeris, bellie-fallowis, sycophantis, gentillmenis ministeris, leideris of the pepill to Hell; and that a gritt pert of them war

Robert Wallace being removit, the brethrein thankis[1] God for him, bot it is desyrit of him that he may be mair diligent and cairfull over the maneris of the people, and in visiting of the seik. Mr. Robert Zwill being removit, thair is na thing opponit aganis him in lyfe doctrein nor conversatione, bot he is to be admonisit of multiplicatione[2] of wordis in his doctrine, and that his nottis be in few wordis, that the people may be maur edifiit. Mr. Androw Melluill being removit, thair is na thing opponit aganis him, bot the haill brethrein thankis God for him. Mr. Dauid Monypenny being removit, thair is na thing opponit aganis him. Mr. William Weluod being removit, thair is na thing aganis him. The commissar removit, na thing opponit. Dauid Murray and Duncane[3] Balfour, thair is na thing oppont, except Dauid Murray payis na thing to the contributione of the puir; and as to Duncan Balfour, falt is fund with him that he, being ane elder, suld be in compainy with thame that brak upe the tolbuth dur and electit the counsell tyme of sermone upon Weddunsday; forder the murther of Pareis being laid to his charge, becaus he wes in companie in the Kingis service at that tyme, quharof the said Duncane purges him selfe in conscience, as also of cuming with the

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worthie to be hangit! And the moderator craving of the bridring present, gif ony of them had fund them selfis justlie grivid at ony thing that the said Mr. Dauid had spokin in his doctrene in their heiring, thay ansuerit that quhatsoever he had spokin thay allowit weill of it; and everie ane of them for the maist part confessit that their necligence cravitt ane mair ernest steiring up of ministeris to their dutie. Mr. Dauid being callit in agane, and the bredrene schawing their alowance for them selfis, yit shew to him the reportis that thay had hard in Dysert at the Provintiall Assemble, quhairby thay had fund sum bredrene to have bene offenditt. To the quhilkis Mr. Dauid ansuerit in generall, that quhatsoever he had spokin he had spokin it in no wayis to disgrace ony manis persone and office; bot being tuitchit in his awin conscience with his awin wantis, for the discharging of his office in the wark of the ministrie, and vewing and persaving the generall corruptione in the office beirrers in the said wark throchout the cuntrie, he had spokin that quhilk he utterit; and farther that it became all ministeris, in humbling them selfis beffoir God in the conscience of their calling, to enter in als deip humiliatione as Bennadad and his fallowis, [quhen thay] did present them selfis beffoir Achab a wicked king for the obtening of pardone at his hand, quhilk was be putting reipis about their nekis, accounting them selfis worthie of that kynd of executione gif he wald exact the same. Quhilkis being hard and consederat of the bredring present [thay] allowit and war contentit with the saming' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

[1] *Thakis* in MS. [2] *Mltiplicatione* in MS. [3] *Ducane* in MS.

Kingis commissioun to stay the doctrein in the New College. Mris. William [and][1] Henry Russell, Androw Weluod, being removit, thair is falt fund with Mr. William becaus he[2] suld pas to the Synodoll Assemblie without command of the sessioun, and that thair is ane sklander betuix Mr. Henry and his father; and that Androw Weluod mend his rasche speking in[3] the sessioun. Mr. William Russell purgit him of the thing laid to his charge. Androw Weluod promist[4] to amend. Mris. William Russell and George Mernis, Mr. Robert Zuill to traill[5] betuix Mr. Dauid and Mr. Henry Russellis. Mr. William Wemis, Androw Forret, James Leich and Thomas Reky, being removut, na thing opponit aganis thame. Mr. George Mernis, Patrik Littiljhone, James Tailzour, William Lentroun, James Thomsoine, thair is na thing opponut aganis thame. Martyne[6] Lumsdane, Thomas Diksoun, Mr. Symone Grige, William Zwle, Alexander Symsoun, thair is na thing opponit aganis thame. Dauid Dalgless, Alexander Winchister, Thomas Craig, Jhone Hagy, Androw Ramsay, thair is na thing opponit aganis thame. Charlis Watsoun, James Lentroun, Androw Adesoun, also removit, thair is na thing opponit agans thame, except Charlis to be mair diligent in noting the penulties and faltis in the kirk.

Die vij° Maii, 1596.

The quhilk day, Andro Weluod is electit commissionar to the Synodell Assemblie, to be haldin at Dumfermeling the tent of Maii instant.

Commissonar to the Synodoll Assemblie.

Die[7] *decimo nono Maii*, 1596.

The quhilk day, it is statut that ilk persone within this congregatione, howsone that ony persoine be seik within ony familie, sall adverteis the elderis of the quarter of the persone seik within xxiiij houris,[8] that the ministeris may be adverteisit

Anent the visitatione of the seik. *Nota.*

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[1] Omitted.
[2] *Being* in MS. for *becaus he.*
[3] *In in* in MS.
[4] *Promst* in MS.
[5] Travail.
[6] *Mrtyne* in MS.
[7] *De* in MS.
[8] *Houris houris* in MS.

to cum and confort thame with holy admonitioun, and that under paine of publict humiliatione; and if the elder be advertesit and signefeis nocht the samyn to the minister he sall also mak publict humiliatione; and this to be also under pane of ten s., to be upliftit upon ilk persone transgresand;[1] and this to be publicit Sonday nixttocum.

Die 26 Maii, 1596.

Act anent thame that wreitis or usis tikkitis on admittit to the communioun.

The quhilk [day],[2] it is statut that na persone heireftir sall wreit tikkitis to the communioun, nor[3] yit present tikkitis heireftir, bot sic as the sessioun sall ordane to that effect, under pane[4] of publict admonitioun and repentans.

Die secundo Junii, anno 1596.

Decreit aganis Wm. Hwnyman, Hendersoun, &c.

William Hwnyman and his spous Elene Hendersone, Alexander and Charlis Dikis, Bessy Frislaw, to mak publict humiliatione, for being absent Sounday befoir none the xxij of Maii last wes. To remember the minister of the banisment of Alexander Dik to be delatit.

Die decimo sexto Junii, 1596.

Decreit agans Andro Seller and Alane Robertsoun.

The quhilk day, Androw Seller and Alane Robertsoun ar decernit to mak publict humiliatione, for drinking in the brousteris upon this present day tyme of sermone, upon Sonday nixttocum.—Alane hes satisfiet.

Die octavo Augusti, 1596.

Decreit agans Henry Moreis.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, all with ane voce, pronuncis Henry Moreis ane adulterer with Alesoun Anstruther, spous to Alexander Nicolsoun, in respect of the proces and probationis led and deducit aganis him, and specialie of the Act maid in the kirk the vij of Julii last was; and thairfoir ordant [him][2] to be punisit thairfoir, conforme to the actis[5] of Parliament and kirk.

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[1] *Tragresand* in MS.
[2] Omitted.
[3] *Nor* is somewhat uncertain in MS.
[4] *Under pane* repeated in MS.
[5] *Act* in MS.

Die decimo Augusti, 1596.

The quhilk day, Arthour Millin, and Elspott Rowill spous to Androw Diplen, ar baith decernit to mak publict humiliatione upon the penitent stuill Sonday nixttocum, for tulzeing and ongodlie behaviour betuix thame. Decret aganis Arthour Millin and Elspott Rowill.

16 *Augusti*, 1596.

The quhilk day Bessy Bynning is decernit to be jogit and banisit the bondis of this citie for adulteri. Decrete aganis Bynning.

The quhilk day, Androw Cuik is decernit to mak publict humiliatione upon the penitent stuill, and Robert Phenysoun and Jhone Miller befoir the pulpit, quhen thei be requirit, for slaying flesche on the Sabboth day. Cuik, Phenysoun, Miller.

Die 26 *Augusti*, 1596.

The quhilk day, comperit William Geddy, and, being accusit for drinking extraordinarlie and wickit tak, confessit the samyn, and cravit God, and the kirk in name of the congregatione, forgivnes; and is of his awin proper consent and fre will bund[1] oblist and actitat, nocht onlie to abstein fra the lyke in tyme cuming, bot, in cais he be fund gilty in the lyk, to mak publict humiliatione and pay ten ℔.[2] to the puir. Decreit aganis William Geddy.

Die 3° *Septembris*, 1596.

The quhulk day, comperit James Smyth and Jhone Weluod, and declarit thei had na hetred maleis nor invy aganis nane of the memberis of this sessioun nor counsell—quha, being for the maist[3] part present, ros up—and with thair hartis foirgave all men, and tuik every persoun in the session be the hand in the feir of God and luif.[4] James Smyth, Jhone Weluod.

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[1] *Bnd* in MS. [2] *℔.* in MS. [3] *Miast* in MS.

[4] In Melville's *Diary* (pp. 272-276) a long and interesting account will be found of the tumult raised by Henry Hamilton's wanton attack on 'Mr. Wilyeam Walwode, Professour of the Lawes, a man bathe in blude and affinitie joyned neir to the maist honest in all the town,' as he was proceeding to the College, with 'his gown on, his book in the a hand, and sand-glass in the uther, meditating on his lessone.' James Arthur, 'called comounlie Jaques,' was

William Lermonth purgit be his [aith] of the declaratione of adultery with Helene Paitt.

The quhilk day, William Lermonth elder being callit and comperand to declair the trewth if he wes father to Elene Paitis bairne, on his consciens the said William declarit befoir God in his aith that he never knew that woman was with bairne, nor yit that evir he knew hir to mak caus to gait ane barne, as he suld ansuer to God; quhilk being votit be the sessioun, thei haif all votit that thei think his[1] declaratione sufficient for his purgatione.

Die vj Octobris, 1596.

Decreit aganis Thomas Cristie.

The quhilk day Thomas Christie is decernit to mak publict humiliatione upon the penitent stull for blasphemy.

Die viij° Octobris, 1596.

Contenuatione of elderis and deaconis.

The quhilk day, the sessioun being all convenit contenewis the haill elderis and deaconis quhilk wes this last yeir befoir, and this to be publicit to the pepill Sonday nixttocum in baith the kirkis; and all parteis that hes ony thing to object aganis ony of the elderis and deaconis, lett thame compeir Sonday nixttocum eftir none, to that effect, and thei salbe weill hard.

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mortally wounded; and by the craft of 'the misreaullars of the town,' James Smith, 'a man of singular qualities, graitlie beloved of all godlie and guid men for his vertew and guid conditiones, and asmikle invyed and hated be the wicked,' and John Walwod, a brother of the professor's, were banished. 'By this malitius craftie devys and convoy war these guid honest men thus wayes maist innocentlie and unjustlie vexed and banissed out of the realme from thair wyffes and childring (sax yeires), and at thair retourning warse handlit.' Melville afterwards relates (*Ibid.* pp. 317, 318), how he 'purchassit, be the King's awin speciall cear and favour, ane act in favours of the honest men of St. Androis, James Smithe and Jhone Walwode, for retourning of tham from exyll to thair awin countrey, citie, hous, wyff, and childring.' A year after the declaration of good will recorded in the text, James Smith was cruelly murdered, in returning from Anstruther to St. Andrews, two hours after leaving James Melville's house. Knowing 'the innocencie and gudnes of the man sa weill, the vylnes of his maist wicked enemies, and the veritie of his cause,' Melville was for several days almost drowned in a deadly and senseless despair. He relieved his feelings by indulging his 'poeticall passioun,' and in preserving the thirty-six stanzas he then wrote, he characterises them as 'bot a dwabbling countrey ryme, meittar to be swipped away with the mouse-wobbes, nor byd as a picture in the palace of Apollo' (*Ibid.* pp. 421-433).

[1] *Him for his* in MS.

The quhilk day, George Winchister comperit befoir the sessioun, and upon his kneis askit God the sessioun and Alexander Winchister his father foirgifnes; and hes promisit nevir to hant agane in the hous of Kingkell, nor in the companie of Elspott Kingzow, and to leif godlie and honiestlie heireftir, and to use the advys and counsell of the sessioun and his father in all his doingis. *Humiliatio Georgij Winster.*

Die decimo Octobris, 1596.

The quhilk day, all parteis haifand enteres being this day befoir none warnit be baith the ministeris in baith the kirkis to haif comperit befoir the sessioun this eftir none, to object aganis the elderis and deconis present, thair comperit nane to that effect, thei being oftyms callit, lawfull tyme of day bydin. Objectioun agans the elderis.

Die xiij° Octobris, 1596.

The quhilk [day],[1] it is ordenit that supplicatione be derect to the magistratis, that ilk elder and deacone haif power to noit all persouns that sueriis banis or takis Godis name in vane, that ilk ane of thame haif ane box to uplift ane penalty of ilk transgressour, and with power to pund thairfoir and to incarcerat the inobedient, and that the officiris be at thair command. Mr. William Russell bailyie present to declair this to the counsell and report ansuer Sonday. Supplicatione to the magistratis.

Die 17 *Octobris*, 1596.

The quhilk day, Mr. William Russell reportis ansuer of the consell of the toun that thei aggree to the Act for to be sett down, anent banning and suering; and the sessioun with consent of the bailyeis appoint viij d. to be upliftit of ilk transgressor, and les at the discretioun of the elder. *Nota.* Act anent baning and suering.

The quhilk day, Robert Dik in Grange, Androw Jmry in Balrymonth, ar decernit to pay ilk ane xx s. to the puir, and to mak publict humiliatione Sonday nixttocum, for leading of thair cornis on the Sabboth day. Decreit agans Robert Dik and Androw Jmry.

[1] Omitted.

Die 20 *Octobris*, 1596.

Nota. The haill brethrein ar censsorit.

The quhilk day, the haill memberis of sessioun ar censorit, and thair is na thing allegit aganis thame, except aganis James Thomsoun that he keipis nocht the houris and tymis appointit to his convening, and is inobedient to the magistratis, and ane evill payer of his dettis, thairfoir he is removit fra sessioun.

[Deaconis adjoyned.]

The quhilk day the brethrein thocht[1] gud to adjoyne to the number, in the south paroche—

Henry Smyth
George Christie
Walter Gibsoun
Daniel Miller.

In the north paroche—

Jhone Greg
Walter Todrik
Jhone Mylis.

This to be intymat to the people Sonday nixttocum in baith the kirkis.

Decreit agans William Vtein.

The quhilk day, Mr. William Russell reportis that William Vtein is decernit to pay xx s. to the puir, and to ask the magistratis foirgifnes, for his ongodlie lyfe with his wyfe, and to pay ten merkis in cais he be fund gilthie in the lyk heireftir. The sessioun also decernis the said William and Bessy Brog his spous to sit on the penitent stull and ask God foirgifnes, &c., Sonday nixttocum.

Die xxiiij^to^ Octobris, 1596.

Na objection aganis the deaconis.

The quhilk day, [the names of][2] Henry Smyth, George Cristie, Walter Gibsoun and Daniel Miller, being this day oppinlie red in baith the kirkis to see if ony persone wald object aganis thame in the south paroche, quhy thei may nocht be adjonit dekonis, as also Jhone Grig, Jhone Mylis, Walter Todrik, to be adjonit to the north paroche; and becaus nane comperit to object aganis thame, the sessioun ordanit thame to be ressavit and admittit, and thei [to][2] be warnit Wedinsday nixttocum to be ressavit.

Decreit aganis Moreis.

The quhilk day Mr. Dauid Blak and Mr. Robert Wallace

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[1] *Thoch* in MS.

[2] Omitted.

ministeris[1] pronuncit the senctence of[2] excommunicatioun aganis him[3] for adulterie with Alison Anstruther.

Die xxvj Octobris, 1596.

The quhilk day, Walter Geddy, eftir he hed maid publict humiliatione conforme to the ordinance of the Synodell Assemblie for the crewell slauchter of umquhill Jams Cokburne, wes ressavit to repentance publictlie, cled in sekcleth upon the penitent stull.

Walter Geddy his repentance and ressaving.

The quhilk day, Charlis Ramsay, being accusit for travilling on the Sabboth day to Fakland mercat, is convict and decernit to pay xx s. to the puir, conforme to the Act of Parliament, and to mak publict humiliatioun Sonday nixttocum.

Decreit aganis Charlis Ramsay.

Die decimo Novembris, 1596.

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes thocht expedient that ane moderatour of the sessioun be chosin for ane quarter of ane yeir in to cum; and to that effect thair wes in leittis Mrs. Dauid Blak, Robert Wallace, Dauid Monypenny and Robert Zwill. The sessioun all with ane voce nominat and electit the said Mr. Robert Zwle moderator for ane quarter of ane yeir to cum.[4]

Electioun of Mr. Robert Zwle moderator.

Die nono Januarii, 1596.

The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Wallace, Mr. Dauid [*Blak*—deleted] Monypenny and Mr. Robert Zwlie, ar ordenit to pas to the counsell of the toun, and desyr ane supplicatione to his Majestie for releif of Mr. Daud Blak our pastour, and als ordor to be takin for serving of Mr. Daud Blakis cuir quhill he cum hame, and that ordour may be takin with the puir quhill he cum hame, quhilks ar now all gane lous.[5]

[The toun counsell to be desyrit to supplicate for releif of Mr. Dauid Blak.]

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[1] *Misteris* in MS. [2] *The* in MS. [3] Henry Moreis.

[4] As will be seen, the session only met once during the ensuing quarter, and the only business transacted then related to the cause of their non-meeting, the enforced absence of David Black.

[5] In November, Black had been summoned to appear before the Privy Council, for the alleged fault of having spoken much too freely in some of his

Die[1] *secundo Martii*, 1596.

Ordinance to Walter Todderrit. Robert Mudy.

The sessioun ordanis Walter Todrik, collector of the puris almous, to pay ten ℔. to Robert Mudy for his half yeiris stipend, of the first and reddiest he ressaifis thairof.[2]

Ordinance anent the puir.

The quhilk day, it is statut that the hall[3] puir ordinar within this citie sall convein ilk Salboth[3] day, in the hospitall, befoir none and eftir none, and Robert[4] to call all thair names and to catechisme[3] thame; and thaireftir upon Monday thei all to compeir in the paroche kirk to prayeris, and eftir the

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sermons in the previous month. While expressing his readiness to defend, either before the King or Council, anything that he had said, he was 'movid, with all humilitie and submissioune of mynd, to use a Declinatour of this judgment, at the least, *in prima instantia*.' The hearty way in which he was backed up by the other ministers, his being ordered on the 2d of December to confine himself beyond the North Water, and the King's inexorable determination that he should not return to St. Andrews, are all well known. See Melville's *Diary*, Wod. Soc., pp. 419, 509-516; Spottiswoode's *History*, Spot. Soc., iii. 13-26; Calderwood's *History*, Wod. Soc., v. 453-498; Petrie's *History*, 1662, ii. 520-524; M'Crie's *Melville*, 1824, i. 395-400, ii. 452, 453; Lee's *Lectures*, ii. 130-137; *Register of Privy Council*, v. 326, 327, 334-336, 340-342, 345-348. The last-named volume, p. 674, reveals the loving regard of some of Black's flock for him in another way than petitioning. On the 26th of January 1596-7, they had to become cautioners for one another, to the extent of £100 each, to answer when required, 'concerning thair unlawfull convocatioun in thair convoy of Mr. David Blak, agaitwart to his present waird, efter he wes convict of ane tressonable cryme.' The following extracts do not appear to have ever been printed before:—'Januar 27 [1596-7] . . . The quhilk day compeirit Mr. George Mearnis, Alexander Winchister, Chairlis Watsoun, from the sessoun and counsell of St. Androis, quha regratit that they wantit the comfort of the Word at those tymes, quhilk Mr. Dauid Blak usit to teache, and desyrit thair help. Quhairunto it wes ansuerit that wordely they wer bereft of that comfort, for it wes they them selffis that wer the caussis of it; and thairfoir desyris them to send ther commissioneris to his Majestie for the restoring the said Mr. Dauid to his place agane' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). 'Februar 18 [1596-7]. The quhilk day, after the incalling of the name of God, the commissioneris of St. Androis compeiring as befoir craving that the place micht be occupeit. To quhom it wes ansuerit that, provyding they sould do faithfullie and fordwartly travill to bring home Mr. Dauid to his place, it sould be occupeit the nixt Sabboth' (*Ibid.*).

[1] *De* in MS.

[2] On the 4th of February, 'It being proponit [to the Presbytery] be the moderatour of the sessioun of St. Androis, quhidder or noth ane compt sould be gevin in the tolbuith to the magistratis of the almes bestowed upon the poore, because of the taxatioun rasit be thame quhilk is ane mein part of the bestowing; it wes ansuerit, Not' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

[3] *Sic.*

[4] Robert Mudy.

prayer the haill deaconis to be present and delyver the puir thair almouss, and this to begyn Sonday nixttocum.

Die xix^no^ Martii, 1596.

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes statut that the clerk wrett ane bill and missive in thair names to Mr. Dauid Blak thair minister, to gif him thankis for his last letter of recommendatione send be him to thame, as also to shaw him that the Kingis Majestie is desyrus to confer with him, and that he send his awin supplicatione to his Ma., to obtein licens to cum to his Ma. to that effect; and to schaw to the said Mr. Dauid that quhat lyis in thair power to further his hame cuming, thei sall do the samyn with his awin advys; and to schaw him the townis commissionaris, send to his Majestie for his delyverans, ressavit the samyn ansuer of his Majestie. Missive to send to Mr. Dauid Blak. *Nota.*

The quhilk day, the sessioun hes grantit licens to Mr. Robert Wallace to pas to visit his bruther for xx dayis, with this conditione that he provid men to occupie his rowme quhill his returning; and to that effect thar is appointit Mr. Robert Zwle, Alexander Winchister, Mr. Henry Russell, Charlis Watsoun, Andro Ramsay, to speir Mr. Robert Wallas, and that he may nominat sic persouns as will occupie the rowme quhill he cum agane; and thei also to gett the said persouns promeis that thei will occupie his place, uther wayis the sessioun grantis na licens.[1] Licence to Mr. Robert Wallas.

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[1] Two days before, namely, on the 17th of March, 'Mr. Robert Wallace craving leicence of the Presbytrie to go to the West Countrie, to visit ane brother of his wha wes at the poynt of death, and assurit the brithering that his going thair wes nether to remane ony lang tym, or to stay the proces of accusation intendit aganis him be Mr. John Lyndesay, secretar; bot sould be reddie to ansuer to that and all utheris accordinglie. Quhairunto the brithering yeildit, provyding he had obteinit licence of his session' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). The process referred to had been raised before the Presbytery, on the 26th of February, by 'Mr. James Weimes, appeirand of Lathocker, in name of Mr. Johne Lyndesay, secratar.' The Presbytery, 'according to the canon of the Apostill,' declined to receive 'ane accusatioun aganis ane elder without tuo or thrie witnessis.' On the 10th of March two witnesses were produced; but—on their acknowledging 'that thair compeirance wes to give obedience to his Majesteis letteris and noth to assist the accusatioun,' and that they could not conscientiously depone that they believed that Lyndesay had just cause for his

Die viij Maii, 1597.

Supplicatione for Mr. Daud Blak.

The quhilk day, the sessioun of Sanctandrous hes ordanit ane supplicatione to be send to the Generall Assemblie, convenit to morne at Dundie, requesting thair godlie wisdomis to interseid to his Majestie to grant licens to Mr. Dauid Blak thair [pastour][1] to be restorit, and admittit to cum hame to this citie, to use his functioun of the ministre as he wes wont to do befoir; and becaus the bailyeis and sum utheris of the elderis and deconis wes nocht present to consent heirto, the sessioun ordanit Alexander Winchister, Martyn Lumsdane, George Cristie, Robert Williamsoun, and Charlis Watsoun clerk, to pas with the said supplicatione to thame and utheris zelous men of this citie, to inqur of thame to subscryve the said supplicatione and request for thair pastur forsaid, and for his hame cuming agane.[2]

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accusation—the Presbytery 'repellit them as not producit and usit tymously and orderly, and creavis the uther kynd of witnes quhilk the Apostill meinis off.' On the 24th of March :—'Ther wes ane letter direct from his Majestie, finding fault and creaving of the Presbytrie to try sum speiches deliverit in pulpeit be Mr. Robert Wallace, and to report back againe thair diligence thairintill to him. At the quhilk tym Mr. Robert being in the Westland, the Presbytrie ordenit the moderatour, Mr. Nicoll [Dalgleisch], and Mr. James Meluill, to wrett ane ansuer to his Majestie in thair name' (*Ibid.*). The obnoxious 'speiches' had been made in the 'Little Kirk of Edinburgh,' and had reference to Lyndesay's conduct in the case against Black.

[1] Omitted.

[2] Two months before this, the General Assembly had petitioned the King, that, as Black had 'obeyit sick things as was injoynit to him,' he would 'give him libertie to returne to his flock' (*Booke of the Universall Kirk*, iii. 901). On the 7th of April, 'The Provest of St. Androis, Mris. William Russell, George Mearnis, bailyeis, with Patrik Bonckill, commoun clark,' had appeared before the Presbytery, and 'producit ane letter direct fra his Majestie, ordeining the Presbytrie to provide for the pulpeit of St. Androis. Quhairunto it wes ansuerit, that thai wald requeist ony that war meit for the said place to occupe the samyn, as they had done in tymis bygane; bot as for to command ony, having ane ordinarie chairge of thair awin, to leave thair awin place and to occupie it, thai could not; bot for ony uther thai wald authorize him and allow weill of his travellis' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). The General Assembly, to which the supplication mentioned in the text was to be sent, appointed, on the 16th of May, fourteen of the brethren, with power to them, or any seven of them, to convene with the King, before the end of that month, 'to take solid ordour anent the provisioun of ministers to the townes of Edenburgh, Dundie and Sanct Androes,' &c. (*Booke of the Universall Kirk*, iii. 928).

Die quinto mensis Junii, 1597.

The quhilk day, Jhone Duncane, for his filthie handling of Issobell Blak and causit hir cry, is ordanit to mak publict humiliatione Sonday nixttocum, quhen he beis requirit, befoir the pulpit.

Decreit agans Jhone Duncane.

Die xix° Julii, 1597.

This is the first day that Mr. George Gledstanis minister enterit in the session, and maid prayer to God, and procedit to the office of the ministre in discipline, conforme to the ordour of the sessioun.[1]

The first enteres of Mr. George Gledstanis minister.

Early in July apparently the King was in St. Andrews, and he not only commanded Lyndesay to come there, and prosecute his action against Wallace before him and the Commissioners of Assembly, but he himself interrupted Wallace publicly in the application of his sermon, for which Andrew Melville 'rebukit the King maist scharplie, thretning him with feirfull judgments gif he repented nocht.' Wallace had declined the jurisdiction of the Commissioners, but they speedily suspended him from his ministry, and debarred Black from St. Andrews without even citing him before them (Melville's *Diary*, 417-419; Calderwood's *History*, v. 648-650; *Booke of the Universall Kirk*, iii. 940). On the 15th of July 'compeirit befor the Presbyterie the Provest of the citie of Sct. Androis, and compleaned upon Mr. Jhone Authinleck, wha spak that day in the second roume of the exerceis, for compearing the toun of Sct. Androis to a galed hors, that flinging and plounging cust the ryders, &c. The Presbyterie ordeanit the said Mr. Jhone to put in wryt the reasounes that moved him to use the said applicatioun, contrair to the Actes of the Generall Assemblie, and the groundes of text that he biggit upon; that the breithring might judge thairone the nixt day; ordeaning the said Provest to be present the said nixt day, for prosecuting his complent, giff sa it pleasit him' (*Register of St. Andrews Prebytery*). That day week 'compeirit Mr. Jhone Authinleck and gaiff in his ansuer, as was appointed the day befor, for warranding of his applicatioun usit be him upon the toun of Sct. Androis. The quhilk the breithring allowit weill of; and calling for the Provest of Sct. Androis, or anie in his name, to heir what fordar he haid against the said Mr. Jhone, nether the said Provest nor naine for him compeirit, sa that mater desertit' (*Ibid.*).

[1] On the 15th of July, the same day on which the Provost had complained of Authinleck's simile, the Commissioners of Assembly 'cravit Mr. George Gladsteanes to be accepted of be the Presbyterie minister of Sct. Androis and a sympresbyter with thame; the quhilk the saidis Commissionaris did in wryt, and receavit ansuer from the Presbyterie in wrait in lyk maner' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). At length on the 8th of September, 'the whole brethren *sigillatim* declared their gude mynd toward Mr. George Gledstonis, whom, according as they suld espye his fidelite in his ministrie, and the blissing of God

Nota. Anent the contributioun to the puir.

The samyn day, it is concludit be the sessioun that the haill inhabitantis of this citee be chargit be the bailyeis to pay the haill contributioun of the puir of all byganis, and to begyn Tuisday nixttocum; with certificatioun, quha failyeis, to pay the dowbill that thai ar awand; and to that effect the drum to pas throw the town Mononday nixttocum, to conpeir on Tuisday in the kirk quhen the bell ringis, and bring the samyn with thame.

Ten li. to Robert Mwddy and xl s. to Alane Robertson is deliverit.

The quhilk day, the session hes ordanit ten li to be payit to Robert Mudy, for compleit pament of all bigane fie, and that of the first end of the box; and as concerning his catichising of the puir, the session hes tane to advys thairwith. And sicklyke, thai haif ordant xl s. to be gevin to Alane Robertson belman, in compleit pament of all his bygane fie. Quhilkis sowmes ar also payit instantle.

Die xxvij° Julii, 1597.

The sermone to begyn at viij houris.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the session that the sermone in tyme cuming begyn at viij houris on Weddinsday

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thairupon, they wald confort with all kynd of assistance help and forderance in the samyn' (*Ibid.*). In striking contrast with this cautious expression of goodwill towards the new minister, is the following hearty commendation of the old: —'The whilk day also the sayd whole brethren gave testimonie to Mr. David Black off fidelite, honestie and all dewtie, in the discharge of his ministrie and utherwyse' (*Ibid.*). According to one account, before the arrival of the Commissioners, the 'great dissastour fallin out amangis the clergie of St. Androis . . . had devydit that haill cittie in factionis'; and Gladstanes, at the time of his appointment, was 'thocht weill of and lykit be his Majestie and Commissioneris of the kirk, . . . and the haill honest citizenis of the cittie' (Moysie's *Memoirs*, Ban. Club, p. 134). His kindly welcome by the citizens seems to have been largely due to the King's policy in prevailing on James Melville to preach on the occasion of his reception. That divine had the greater pleasure of placing David Black in the charge of Arbirlot, which Gladstanes had just vacated (Melville's *Diary*, pp. 422, 423). Martine states that the future Archbishop was brought to St. Andrews at this time, 'of purpose to ballance and poize Mr. Andrew Melvill, and to guard the Universitie and students against his principles, and to fence them from being tinged with his seditious and turbulent way; and many a hote bickering there was betwixt them thereupon' (*Reliquiæ Divi Andreæ*, p. 251). The King had no doubt taken the measure of the man, who was afterwards to address him as his 'earthly Creator,' and to describe himself and fellow-bishops as 'your Majesties creatures' (M'Crie's *Melville*, ii. 132, n.).

and Friday, and to be endit be nyne houris, prayaris and all, or thairabout.

It is appointit that all comptis of the puir, that ar sen the last generall compt, salbe gevin in be the collectouris this day aucht dayis, and thair conscience thairupoun. Productioun of the puir folkis comptis.

The quhilk day, it is concludit that na persoun speik nor rownd[1] in the sessioun without licence, under pane of viij d. ilk falt on forgevin. That nane speik nor round without licence.

It is tocht gude that the first quarter of the contribution begyn the first day of August nixttocum, with ane oblivion of all byganis, alsweill payit as on payit, sen the first day of Junii last wes, providing that the bygans awand befoir the first of Junii be payit. Anent the puir.

Die ultimo mensis Julii, 1597.

The quhilk day, it is appointit be the sessioun that ilk bailye, his owke about, vesey the town on Sonday with the elderis and deaconis eftir specifiit; to witt, Duncane Balfour bailye—Alexander Wynchister and Robert Narne; Mr. William Russell bailye—Martin Lumisdane, Robert Williamson, with him; James Robertson bailye—Mr. William Wemys, Thomas Craig, with him; Mr. George Mernis bailye—Andro Ramsy and James Lentroun with him. Duncane Balfour to begyn Sonday nixttocum; and on the owk dayis ane elder and ane deacone, with ane town officiar, thair owk about, tyme of sermone, as thai salbe appointit be the sessioun ilk Weddinsday. Anent the keping of the Sabboth.

Die decimo quarto mensis Augusti, 1597.

The quhilk day, conperit Mr. Dauid Russell and Dauid Watsoun, commissioneris from the counsall of the town, and desyrit of the sessioun that commoun prayaris may be publiclie red in the kirk ilk day mornyng and evinyng, fra this furth, as in uther townis of this realme; quhilk desyre the sessioun tocht ressonabill, and thairfor thai haif ordanit Mr. Robert Zuill to reid every day, morn and evin, except the dayis of publict Anent the commoun prayaris.

[1] Whisper.

teacheing, ane chaptour of the New Testament and ane uther of the Auld befoir none, begynand at Genesis and Mathow, with ane prayer befoir and eftir; and evining, sum Psalmes with ane prayer befoir and eftir.

Die xvij° mensis Augusti, 1597.

Anent mariage and baptisme.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun, upon gude causis and considerationis moving thame, that baptisme and mariage be ministrated in tymes cuming upon Weddinsday and Friday; to witt, mariage befoir sermone, and baptisme eftir sermone; onles necessite require, and than the minister to use his discretioun thairin.

Anent the punischement of thame that transgressis aganis the Sabboth.

That the transgressouris of the Sabboth be warnit to the Sabboith eftir none; and the absentis fra Fridayis sermone and Weddinsdayis sermone to Weddinsday eftir none.

Admissioun of Maister Dauid Lindesay to the ministrie.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Lindesay — with advys of Patrik Murray, commissioner to the Kingis Ma., Mris. Thomas Buchannane and James Nicholsoun, ministeris and commissioneris for the Generall Assemblie—is publiclie ressavit in the kirk, immediatle eftir sermone, and eftir ernest incalling upon the holy name of God, to be fallow laborar in the ministrie of St. Androus with Mr. George Gledstanis minister thairat, be the Provest bailyeis counsall of the town, and be membris of the sessioun in name of the hoill congregatioun; quha hes promisit, with the assistance of God his Holy Spirite, to support the said Mr. George in the said ministrie, in precheing of the Word, ministratioun of the sacramentis, and exercesing of discipline, and in all uther thingis concerning the said ministrie, at his power, and as God sall gif him grace.[1]

Die nono mensis Octobris, anno Domini j^m v^c nonagesimo septimo.

Maister[2] George Gledstanis and Mr. Dauid Lindesay ministeris.

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[1] The next leaf is blank. Lindesay's entry is thus referred to in the *Register of the Presbytery* :—'22 Sept. . . . The sam day Patrik Murray, his Majesties servant, send in commissioun be his Majestie, to recommend unto the brethrein off the Presbitrie Mr. Dauid Lindsay, as ane follow helper with Mr. George Glaidstainis in the ministrie off Sanctandrous.'

[2] *Maisteris* in MS.

Elderis electit for this yeir in to cum.

Williame Lermonth, of Clatto, Provest
Mr. Robert Mauld, commissar
Alexander Wynchister, bailye
Mr. Williame Russell, bailye
Mr. Williame Wemys, bailye
William Lermonth, bailye
Dauid Watsoun, Dane of Gild
Patrik Gutherie, thesawrar
Mr. Dauid Auchemowty
Mr. William Cok
Mr. Dauid Russell
Duncane Balfour
Jhone Martine
William Muffett
William Zuill
Alexander Carstaris
James Lentroun
[*Charlis Watsoun*—deleted][1]
James Leiche
Androw Forrett
Mr. Henry Danskein
Thomas Diksoun
James Scheves
Jhone Hagy
Thomas Craig
Androw Watsoun.

Deaconis electit for this yeir in to cum.

Mr. Symone Greg
Robert Narne
Walter Gibsoun
Robert Williamsoun
James Tailzeour
Jhone Carstaris, maltman, younger
Walter Todrik
Jhone Greg
Androw Diksoun
Nicholl Mane
Androw Carnewath.

Ratificatioun of the actis and statutis.

The quhilk day, the bretherein of sessioun, eftir ernest incalling upon the holy name of God, the actis and statutis of sessioun being red, thai ratifie and apprive the samyn in all thingis, except that Act concernyng the maisteris of the college nocht to haif voit in sessioun; promising to obey the samyn actis, and all utheris actis maid in this buik, to the glorie of God and weill of his kirk.

Divisioun of the town in twelf quarteris with the elderis and deaconis in ilk quarter.

ffirst, fra the Eist Burne Wynd west to umquhill Mr. 1

[1] Watson's name was deleted because of his death, which took place before the 29th of March 1598.

Martine Geddeis hous on the south syde of the Sowth Gait: my[1] Lord Provest, the commissar, Alexander Wynchister, elderis, Robert Narne deacone.

2 ffra Mr. Martine Geddeis hous west to the Port: Thomas Diksoun, Thomas Craig, elderis, Jhone Carstaris, deacone.

3 ffra the Port west Argyle, and eist to Jhone Hageis hous: William Lermonth, Jhone Hagy, elderis, Androw Diksoun, deacone.

4 ffra Jhone Hageis hous to Jhone Levingstonis hous, including thairin Logeis Wynd and Kirk Wynde: Mr. Dauid Auchmowty, Alexander Carstaris, elderis, Walter Gibsoun, deacone.

5 ffra Jhone Levingstonis hous to Patrik Guthereis hous: Maister William Cok, Duncane Balfour, elderis, Mr. Symone Greg, deacone.

6 ffra Patrik Guthereis hous eist to Sir George Dowglasis hous, including thairin the sowth end of the Hukstar Wynd: Mr. William Wemys, Patrik Gutherie, elderis, Nichol Mane, deacone.

7 ffra the Mercat Gait Port, on the south syde of the gait, to Alexander Paitis hous, including thairin the New Clois: Jhone Martine, Androw Watsoun, elderis, Robert Williamsoun, deacone.

8 ffra Alexander Paitis hous eist the Merkat Gait, and west to the Fowle Waist: Mris.[2] Dauid and William Russellis, elderis, and James Tailzeour, deacone.

9 ffra the Fowle Waist west to the Port: William Muffet, James Leiche and Charlis Watsoun, elderis.

10 ffra the North Gait Port eist on the north syde of the gait to Androw Carnis hous, including thairin the Fischer Gait: James Lentroun, Mr. Henry Danskein, elderis, Androw Carnewath, deakin.

11 ffra Androw Carnis hous eist and west to Androw Ramsayis hous: Dauid [*Forrett*—deleted] Watsoun, Androw Forrett, elderis, Jhone Greg, deakin.

12 ffra Androw Ramsayis hous west to the Port, including thairin Jaksonis Clois, College Wynd and Baikhous Wynde: William Zuill, James Scheves, elderis, Walter Todrik, deacone.

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[1] *My* altered from *Mr.* [2] *Mr.* in MS.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that the communioun, will God, salbe ministrated this day xx dayis, and intimatioun thairof to be maid in the pulpeit to the peipill Sonday nixttocum. Celebratioun of the communion.

That catichesing of the pepill be duly heireftir morne and evin, tyme of prayaris, and the minister to begyn to morn, the xj of October instant. Catichesing.[1]

That Mr. Robert Zuill and Jhone Ros be present in the kirk heireftir at the secund bell to sermone, ilk Sonday, befoir and eftir none, that chaptouris of the Word of God and Psalmes may be sung in the kirk continewalie, quhill the minister be in pulpeit; and to this effect Mr. Robert Zuill and Jhone Ros to be desyrit to be present in sessioun Weddinsday nixttocum.[2] Anent reding of chaptouris and singing of Psalmes.

Die xiij° Octobris, 1597.

The quhilk day, it is concludit be the sessioun that the minister, the haill elderis and deaconis, collectouris of the puir folkis almous, upon Friday eftir none and Satterday befoir none, convein and pas throw the town, and collect the almous and contributioun of termes bigane. For collecting of the puir folkis almos. *Nota.*

Duncane Balfour and Mr. Dauid Auchmowty to pas to my Lord Secretar; Mr. William Russell and Dauid Watsoun to pas to Mr. Jhone Prestoun, James Hay and utheris strangeris. To pas to the strangeris for almous.

The quhilk day, Jhone Diplein is decernit to intertiney Jonet Diplein his naturall dochter, in God his feir, and sustein hir fra beging in all tymes cuming. Decrete aganis Jhone Diplein.

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[1] *Chaichising* in MS.

[2] 'These are the three exercises which are used in all our congregations, every Sabbath, one houre before the preacher come in; first prayer, then Psalmes, then reading of holy Scripture; and by these, the hearts of the people are prepared the more reverently to heare the Word, and you see all is done with great quietnesse, devotion and reverence. . . . You heare the third bell ringing, and in this space the reading ceaseth, and at the end of the bell ringing the preacher will come' (Bishop Cowper's *Works*, 1626, p. 680). 'Within the memory of many still living, both in the south and north, precentors and schoolmasters were in the habit of reading Psalms and chapters from the lectern while the people were assembling' (Sprott's *Worship and Offices of the Church of Scotland*, 1882, p. 14.)

Abbay, *rij.*

James Lentroun to tak ordour with the sustentatioun of James Abbay, puir barne, and report ansuer this day aucht dayis.

Martine Lummisdane.

Martine Lummisdane is decernit nocht to sett housis [to][1] puir beggeris nor strangeris, without licience of the magistratis heireftir.

Decretum contra Fyffe et Ferry.

The quhilk day, James Fyffe marriner and Cristene Ferry adulteraris ar decernit to satisfie for thair offence, conforme to the forme of adulteraris, and to be utherwyis punisit for thair manifest denyell.

Decrete aganis Jhone Wobstar. Sa.

The quhilk day, Jhone Wobstar is decernit be the magistratis to pay xx s., for travelling on Sabboth day, conforme to the Act of Parliament; and siclyke to conpeir upon Sonday nixttocum, quhen the minister callis upon him, and mak publict humiliatioun.

[Michell, Kay.] Sa.

To warn [*Thomas and*—deleted] Dauid Michell[2] [and][1] Androw Kay to Sonday nixttocum for travelleng on the Sabboth.

Sa. Dikkye.

Becaus Beatrix Dikke wes warnit to this day and conperit nocht, to ansuer for selling of fische on the Sabboth, sche is remittit to the magistratis, and to be warnit agane to Sonday.

Die xvj^to^ Octobris, 1597.

To ressaif the puir folkis almois.

The quhilk day Jhone Carstaris deakin is ordanit to be ressavir of the puir folkis almous for this moneth in to cum.

Ordinance for the puir folkis geir.

The magistratis ar requestit to mak arrestment upon the gudis and geir of umquhill Cristene Elder, and to caus the officiaris intromit thairwith, conforme to the instrumentis takin thairupon, bering all the puir that ressaifis the townis almous to haif maid and constitut the remanent puir thair executouris, and legatouris to thair haill gudis eftir thair departuris fra this lyffe.

Anent the collecting of the puir folkis almois.

The quhilk day, anent the collecting of the puir folkis almous, it is statut that ylk elder and deakin, thair day and ouk about, begynand at the first in the catholog, quhill the end; and Alane Robertsoun belman to ressaif his direction fra

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[1] Omitted.

[2] *Michellis* in MS.

that elder and deakin, to pas to ony uther honest nichbour he plesis with the uther brod, as that elder and dakin sall direct, to collect with him that day the puir folkis almous in tyme cuming.

It is concludit that quhen ony puir body cryis for almous at ony part of this citee, [thai][1] be takin and apprehendit be Thomas Wilson, and puit in the thevis hoill, quhill triall be takin of thair esteat. Ordour takin with the puir that cryis.

The quhilk day, Androw Kay and Dauid Michell, for travelling on the Sabboth day, ar ilkane decernit to pay to the magistratis xx s., to the use of the puir, and to mak publict humiliatioun Sonday nixttocum. *Penetentia Andree Kay et Dauidis Michell.*

xix Octobris, 1597.

The quhilk day, the sessioun ordanis James Fyffe and Cristene Ferry adulteraris to conpeir to morn befoir the Presbitre, and ressaif thair injunctionis for thair adultere.[2] Ferry, Fyffe.

The quhilk day, Margret Aytoun being callit and accusit for causing lead corns on the Sabboth day, the samyn being referrit to hir aith, sche purgis hirself thairof, thairfor absolvit. *Purgatio Margarete Aytoun.*

The quhilk day, Patrik Smyth baxter is decernit be the magistratis[3] to pay ten s. to the box of the puir, and to mak publict humiliatioun for ressaving of ane leid of flowir and travelling on the Sabboth day. *Penetentia Patricij Smyth.* Sa.

To warn Patrik Arthour baxter to Sonday nixttocum, for hinging furth of his casar with breid and ressaving of ane leid of flowr on the last Sabboth. Arthour. Sa.

xxiij° Octobris, 1597.

To warn Androw Scott quarior to conpeir Weddinsday for having carnall daill befoir mariage. Scott, *rij.*

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[1] Omitted.

[2] They duly appeared before the Presbytery on the following day, when James confessed their guilt, admitting that he had, by her persuasion, previously denied it. She, on the other hand, 'impudentlie denied the fact in his presence. He was referred 'to his cession, and she to deal with God and hir minister untill the nixt Presbiteri day' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

[3] The clause *be the magistratis* is interlined in the same hand.

Margret Stevinson, *rij.*

To warn Margret Stevinson to conpeir Weddinsday nixttocum, to ressaif hir injunction and to satisfe for hir civile punischement, and thaireftir to be injunit for hir ecclesiasticall discipline.

Fyffe, Ferry, *rij.*

To warn James Fyffe and Cristene Fery adulteraris to conpeir Weddinsday, to ressaif thair injunctionis for thair adultere.

Carstaris, *rij.*

To warn Issobell Carstaris dochter to Issobell Wilson to Weddinsday nixttocum, to ansuer to the dilatioun of fornicatioun gevin in aganis hir.

Scott, *rij.*

To warn George Scottis dochter, for keping of hous[1] and drinking and nicht walking, to Weddinsday.

Arthour. Sa.

Patrik Arthour baxter, for halding furth his casar with breid and ressaving of flowir on the Sabboth day, sall pay ten s., and to mak publict humiliatioun.

[Milleris of St. Leonardis,] *rij.*

That the minister adverteis the minister of St. Leonardis that nane of the milleris of thair parroche send in leidis to this citee on the Sabboth.

Collectioun.

Collectit be the Provest this owk xx. ℔.

xxvj Octobris,[2] 1597.

Androw Scott, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Androw Scott quarior becaus he wes warnit to this day and conperit nocht, he is ordanit, in cais he be nocht stayit be seknes, his body to be punisit be the magistratis till he find caution to obey: the magistratis to report thair diligens this day aucht dayis.

Penitentia Stevinsoun.

The quhilk day, Margret Stevinsoun callit and conperit, and being demandit quhat sche will gif for to releif hir of the civile punischement, sche being now thryis relappis in fornicatioun, offerit iij ℔., quhilk the magistratis acceptit. Sche is ordanit be the session to mak publict humiliatioun thre owkis,

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[1] St. Andrews was by no means the only place where unmarried women were forbidden to live alone. The kirk-session of Stirling were so suspicious of 'orray wemen,' as they termed them, that, in 1597, they 'concludit and ordeinit that na eldar nor diacun suffir ane singill woman, that never hes bein mareit, to dwell hir allane in ane hous undelaited to the sessioune of the kirk, under the pane of vj s. viij d. for the first fault, and x s. for the secund fault' (*Maitland Miscellany*, i. 129).

[2] *Octris* in MS.

keipand the haill precheingis, tua owkis in hir awin habeit and the thrid in the adulteraris: and if sche faill agane in the lyke syn the magistratis ordanis hir to be banisit the boundis of this citee for evir.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that quha soevir salhappin to be trelapis in fornicatioun sall mak sic publict repentance, and stand thre severall oukis the hail precheing dayis, tua thairof in thair awin habeit and the thrid in adulteraris. Anent thame that beis thre tymes relappis in fornicatioun.

The quhilk day James Fyffe and Cristene Ferry present chargit to confes thair adultere. James confessis, Cristene denyis, as befoir. Being requirit if thai wald releif thame selfis fra civile punischement be pecuniall sowmes, denyis to pay ony. Thai ar referrit to the magistratis to tak ordour with thame. Fyffe, Ferry, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Jhone Buchannane, accusit for ressaving of leadis on the Sabboth, excusis him self of ignorance of the law; thairfor admonisit. Buchannane.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that in all tymes cuming na baxter nor tavernour hald furth juigis of wyne aill nor bread on the Sabboth, under pane of ten s. for ilk falt, and of publict humiliatioun. Anent wyne and bread nocht to be sould on the Sabboth.

The quhilk day, it is ordanit that it be publisit Sonday nixttocum, that all personis quha hes barnis to be baptizit advertes the minister the nicht befoir. Anent baptisime.[1]

The quhilk day, William Gilcrist, suspect of fornicatioun with Margret Reid, conperit and confessit the samyn. To warn Margeit Reid to this day aucht dayis to ansuer, &c. The magistratis decernis William Gilcrist to pay xl s. for his civile punishment, and the sessoun ordanis him to mak publict humiliatioun conforme to the ordour. *Confessio* Gilcrist, *rij.*

Die penultimo Octobris, 1597.

Mr. William Russell hes payit of his quarter vij li. vij s. ij d. Collectit this owk be the bailye, Alexander Wynchister, ten li. viij d. Contributioun.

The quhilk day, Agnes Jak grantis sche hes committit vice

[1] *Bapsime* in MS.

Confessio Jak and Otterschank, *rij.*

of fornicatioun with James Otterschank, quha, also present, confessis the samyn. The session ordanis thame to satisfie for thair offence; and the magistratis ordanis thame to pay xl s. The magistratis ar ordanit to caus charge hir to Tuisday to thoill ane assyis, that sche may be banisit. To report ansuer of thair diligens Weddnisday nixt.

Declaratio Willelmj Lermonth.

The quhilk day, conperit William Lermonth bailye and declarit to the session that he is summond to underly the law for the slauchter of umquhill James Smyth,[1] albeit he, being desyrit be the session to purge him self thairof, on his conscience declaris he nevir knew the samyn quhill it wes done, nor yit wes he art or part thairof; nochttheles desyrt, in respect he is sa sklanderit, that the session wald remof him of the session quhill the treuth of that mater wer tryit. The session nochtwithstanding concludit him nocht to be removit, bot he to bruk the place of ane elder ay and quhill he wer fund gilte of that cryme, in respect of his purgatioun of the samyn be his great aith.

Decrete aganis Magdalene Motto. Tailzeour.

The quhilk day, anent the bill of sklander gevin be Margret Tailzeour aganis Magdalene Motto, makand mentioun that the said Magdalene hed maist ungodly sklanderit hir, sayand thir wordis:—The devill ressaif the feit yow heir brocht last to my hous, for sen ye wes heir I haif nevir threvin! My brewing of aill and all my effaris hes gone bak with me! I am ane hundreth merkis wars sensyne nor I wes befoir! The sessioun findis the said bill sklandrous; and Magdalene, being also this day callit befoir the sessioun, and desyrit hir if sche wald preif the said sklander, refusit. Thairfor thai decerne the said Magdalene to conpeir befor the session and confes hir offence, and ask God the session and Margret Tailzeour forgifnes, and thair declair sche knawis na thing of hir bot honestie; and siclyke to pas to Magdanis[2] hous, quhar the wordis wes spokin, and thair also sitt down on hir kneis, and do[3] the samyn in presens of the ministeris and magistratis and elderis.

Die secundo mensis Novembris, 1597.

The quhilk day, William Broun, in the parroche of Largo,

[1] See *supra*, p. 819, n. 4. [2] *Sic.* [3] *To* in MS.

and Marioun Pryde, in Lathoker Miln, ar contractit in mariage. William can nocht rehers the commandis. To rehers the samyn befoir marage. xxx s. payit becaus thai culd nocht rehers the commandmentis. *Contractus Willelmj Broun et Mariote Pryde.*

The magistratis to tak ordour with Agnes Jak and hir assyis, and to report ansuer of thair diligence this day aucht dayis. Jak, *rij.*

The quhilk day, William Broun and Issobell Carstaris fornicatouris to pay xx s. for thair impressoment, and to begyn thair repentance Sonday nixttocum. Thai ar presentle contractit. William Bron, Issobell Carstaris. Sa.

It is concludit be the session and magistratis that Cristene Ferry, for hir adulterie with James Fyffe, pay to the puir in part of pament of hir civile amendment ten ℔. ; and to begyn hir repentance as ane adulterar Sonday nixttocum. Jhone Ferry is actit, in presens of Mr. William Wemys bailye, to pay xx ℔., Friday cum aucht dayis, and if he payis ten ℔. this day aucht dayis, he salbe fre of the xx ℔. Ferry, Fyffe, *rij.* Sa.

Die sexto Novembris, 1597.

To warn Thomas Tailzeour and Jhone Pryde for violating of the Sabboth, and Thomas Pringilis wiffe for selling fisches. [Tailzeour, Pryde, Pringil,] *rij.*

Collectit of the puir folkis broddis ix ℔. xv s. Collection.

Item, of penulteis for absens xiij s.

Die nono mensis Novembris, 1597.

The quhilk day, the minister desyrit the magistratis to tak ordour with the invas[ion] and hurt done betuix George Lummisdane and Walter and William Gibsonis, and to report ansuer this day aucht dayis of thair diligence. Lummisdane, Gibsonis, *rij.*

That the magistratis yit as befoir report ansuer of thair diligence, of the banissing of Agnes Jak *fornicatrix*, this day aucht dayis. Agnes Jak, *rij.*

Mr. William Wemys promissis to caus James Otterschank pay xl s. for his civile punischement, and to report ansuer thairof this day aucht dayis. Otterschank, *rij.*

Robert Narne hes takin the burding on him to caus William Gilcrist pay xl s. for his civile punischement: to report diligence and pament this day aucht dayis. Wm. Gilcrist, Narne, *rij.*

Pryde, *rij.*

That the magistratis apprehend Jhone Pryde younger, and present him to justice, for violating of the Sabboth tua sindry tymes.

Decrete aganis Agnes Robertson.

The quhilk day, Agnes Robertsoun, spous to Thomas Pringill, [is ordanit][1] to mak publict humiliatioun, for sending of hir dochter to sell fische on the Sabboth, this nixt[2] Sonday.

[Ignorant, penalty.][3]

Androw Criste in Straythkynnes, for nocht saying of the Commandis befoir marage, hes payit xl s.

Jhone Ferry, *rij.*

Becaus Jhone Ferry hes failyeit to pay ten ℔b. this day, thairfor the maigistratis to poind for xx ℔., and report thair diligence this day aucht dayis.

Tailzeour, *rij.*

That the maigistratis tak ordour with Thomas Tailzeour for his inobedience: to report ansuer this day aucht dayis.

Motto, Lentroun, *rij.*

To warn Magdalene Motto to be warnt to this day aucht dayis, at the instance of the sessioun and party; and als to warn Margret Tailzeir to the said day.

[Puir folkis almois.]

Walter Todrig hes ressavit xij ℔. fra Jhone Carstaris to the puir.

Die xvj^to^ Novembris, 1597.

To ressaif the puir folkis almois.

The quhilk day Androw Watsoun is appointit collectour of the puir folkis almous for ane moneth nixttintocum.

Stevin Philp hes payit xvj ℔.

The quhilk day Stevin Philp hes payit, for the anuell of the Mertimes terme 1597, sextene ℔b.

Collection.

Item, Jhone Carstaris hes ressavit this day to be deliverit to Androw Watson, as new electit collectour, ten ℔. xv s.

[Evidentis,] *rij.*

Remember that Charlis Watson produce the evidentis of Henry Fowlis hous at the instance of the puir.

Lummsdane, Gibsonis, *rij.*

That the magistratis report thair diligence of the putting to executioun of the decrete of the assyis aganis George Lummisdane and Gibsons, &c.; and pay iij ℔. v s. concludit in the decrete. To report ansuer Weddinsday.

[Jak,] *rij.*

The magistratis desyrit to do forder diligens anent the banischement of Agnes Jak, Weddinsday.

[Wemyis, Otterschank,] *rij.*

Continewis Mr. William Wemyis, for James Otterschank, in pament of xl s., to this day aucht dayis.

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[1] Omitted. [2] *Nix* in MS. [3] *Collection* in MS.

Robert Narne for William Gilcrist continewit quhill this day viij dayis. [Narne,] *rij*,

Jhone Pryde also continewit, quhill the magistratis tak forder triall, to this day aucht dayis. [Pryde,] *rij*.

To tak ordour also this day aucht dayis anent the obedience of Thomas Tailzeour.[1] [Tailzeour,] *rii*,

That the magistritis tak ordour with Magdalene Motto, and to report ansuer this day aucht dayis. [Motto,] *rij*.

The communion be the grace of God to be celebratit upon Sonday cum xv dayis, and examinatioun to begyn Mononday nixttocum. Celebratioun of the communion.

Die 20 *Novembris*, 1597.

The quhilk day, conperit Cristene Ferry and maist humle requestit the session to be gentill to hir, in punising hir for offence commitit be hir with James Fyffe, in respect that sche hes producit certane witnes preveing hir husband to be mariit with ane uther woman in Jngland, and sua the offence is fornicatioun and nocht adultere. The sessioun hes ordanit Cristene Ferry to conpeir Thursday nixttocum befoir the Presbitre,[2] to gait thair deliverance thairintill.[3] The minister to report ansuer to the session Sonday nixttocum. Cristene Ferry, Fyffe. Sa.

Die xxiij° mensis Novembris, 1597.

The quhilk day, Androw Clerk, in name of Alexander Wod of Lambelethame, hes payit viij ℔. in compleit pament of his penulte, [for][4] fornicatioun with Elspot Russell; and all former actis maid thairanent dischargit; quhilk viij ℔. is deliverit to Androw Watsoun collectour. Ressait of viij ℔. for Alexander Wod.

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[1] *This day aucht dayis* repeated in MS. [2] *Presbite* in MS.

[3] On the 24th of November, she 'gave in a bill to the Presbyteri to be used in hir repentance,' having confessed her guilt 'nochtwithstanding of hir formar pert and shamles denyall.' The Presbytery ordained 'the cession of St. Andros to go forwart with her repentance in saccloath, tua or 3 Sabaoth dayes to ther discretion, and to the measour of repentance to absolve hir; and ordins hir with expedition to sik [*i.e.* seek] devorsment, and the cession to urge hir therto' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). [4] Omitted.

xxxvij s. vj d. for James Otterschank.

James Otterschank hes payit xxxvij s. vj d. for his penulte in fornicatioun with Agnes Jak.

Ordinance to the parrochinaris up on land.

The quhilk day, William Lermonth of Clatto, be his speciall missive and hand wreit, Martine Carstrophein in Byrehillis, Mr. Martine Carstrophein his sone thair, Robert Horsburth thair, Mr. Alexander Jarden in Poilduif, Thomas Horsburth in Byrehillis, Alexander Wynchister for his tenentis of Poilduif and Kynglassy, Dauid Thomsoun in Balgoif, James Month in Straythkynnes, Alexander Dudingstoun in Raderny, Jhone Dewar in Goikstoun Miln, Thomas Carstaris in Grange, Dauid Carstaris in Lambelethame, and William Donaldson in Poilduf, Androw Jmry in Balrymonth, Alexander Scott in Straythkynnes, Jhone Richeart thair, Duncane Balfour for his tenentis in Kyncapill, George Ramsy[1] of Langraw, Thomas Horsburth in Byrehillis, be thame selfis in propir persoun conperit befoir the sessioun; and maist humlie desyrit to remane parrochinaris of this parrochin of St. Androus, as thai and thair predicessouris quha hes bein ancient parrochinaris thairof thir mony yeiris bigane; and declarit that thai nevir consentit to the biging of ane uther kirk, nor to separat thaime selfis ony wayis fra this parroche,[2] except Martine Carstrophein, quha consentit to the new kirk in respect he hed ane peice land callit Cassindonat far distant fra this parrochie kirk, and George Ramsy of Langraw. And thairfor the personis foirsaidis desyris that thai may haif the communioun ministrated to thame and thair famileis[3] and tenentis, being fund habill eftir triall, and the rest of the benefitis of the kirk; and [declaris][4] that thai haif nocht gottin the communioun thir sex yeiris bigane; and thairfor maist humlie cravis to be continewit parrochinaris, as thai haif bein ancient parrochinaris befoir. And George Ramsy of Langraw desyris the samyn quhill the new kirk be bigit. The sessioun, eftir ernest incalling upon the holy name of God, ansering to the former petitioun, thinkis expedient—

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[1] On the 10th of November, George Ramsay 'cravit the Presbyteiries opinion, if the vicar shuld deliver the silver given to him for the bigging of the landwart kirk. The Presbyteri ordins the ministers of St. Andris to convine the gentilmen to tak ordor with the silver collected for biggin of the forsaid kirk' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

[2] *Roche* in MS.

[3] *Famile* in MS.

[4] Omitted.

that but prejudice of the actis civile or ecclesiasticall maid anent landwart kirkis, and but acceptatioun of the sutaris as parrochinaris, or debarring of thame in cais ony rycht thai haif —that, to the feist of Michaelmes nixttocum, thai salhaif the haill benefite of the kirk in the kirk of this citee; providing thai beir commoun burding *pro rata* induring the said space, as parochinaris usuall ar bund; providing[1] also that every maister be oblist to pay the penultie of the Act of Parliament, for sic as brekis the Sabboth day, workis thairon and cummis nocht [to][2] sermon; and that sic as ar convict in adultere insest fornicatioun or utheris vices be obedient to the voce of the kirk quhen thai salbe chargit.

Die 25 *Novembris*, 1597.

The quhilk day, Mris. George Gledstanis and Dauid Lindesy ministeris declaris that thai haif exponit [to][2] the Presbitrie the parrochenaris to landward thair suit and petitioun, with the quhilk thai aggre as it is conceavit. Anent the landwart parrochin.

The quhilk day, James Otterschank is ordanit to be punisit for his fornicatioun with Agnes Jak, and the magistratis to apprehend him, and caus him obey how son he can be apprehendit. Otterschank.

The magistratis yit as befoir to do forder diligens anent the offence of George Lummisdane and Gibsonis, and to produce thair penulteis, conforme to the assyis, Weddinsday nixttocum. [Lummisdane, Gibsonis,] *rij.*

Jonet Eduart[3] is reprovit for hir absens fra sermone [on][2] Sonday, thairfor ordanit to kep the Sabboth and sermone heireftir, under pane of publict humiliatioun; as also Cristene Cuik reprovit and admonisit[4] for the samyn caus; and siclyke Elene Carnnow. Admonitioun to Jonet Eduart, Cristene Cuik, [Elene Carnnow].

Mr. William Wemys to tak ordour with Thomas Tailzeour that he obey the session. Thomas Tailzeour.

The quhilk day, Magdalene Motto is decernit to mak publict humiliatioun for hir great offence and sklander, done aganis God the magistratis session and party, and thairfor to conpeir *Penetentia* Magdalene Motto.

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[1] *Proving* in MS.
[2] Omitted.
[3] Interlined over *Hardy* deleted.
[4] *Admoni* in MS.

Sonday nixttocum, and ask God the session magistratis and Margret Tailzeour forgifnes, &c.

Direction to the magistratis, *rij.* That the magistratis tak ordour with the strangeris that ar leatle cumm to the town to duell; and with the nichbouris that hes sett houssis to strangeris, and [that][1] thai caus punes thame conforme to the actis of this citee.

[Communioun elementis,] *rij.* That the magistratis travell with the chalmerlane for bread and wyne to the communion, and report thair diligens Weddinsday.[2]

Dwn. Sa. Thomas Dun to mak publict humiliatioun, for being absent fra sermone Friday befoir none, Sonday nixttocum.

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[1] Omitted.

[2] The 'travell' of the magistrates was rewarded in 1604. In the kirk-session box there is still preserved an original document, signed by Lennox in presence of four witnesses, and indorsed, 'Locality granted by the Duk of Lenox to the kirk session of St. Androws.' The following is a copy:—

'Be it kend till all men, be thir present lettres, we, Ludouik, Duik of Lennox, Erle of Darnlie, Lord Tarboltoun, Methuen and Obigny, &c., [*and Dame Jeane Campbell our spous*—deleted] to have assignit, and be thir presentis assignis, to the sessioun of the kirk of the citie of Sanctandrois, or ony uthiris haveing thair power, the sowm of thriescoir pundis money usuall of this realm, for furnising of the elementis of bread and wyne, yeirlie and ilk yeir heireftir, to the commonioun of the kirk [of] Sanctandrois; and, for mair sure payment to thame, hes assignit and assignis to [th]ame be thir presentis that thriescoir pundis quhilk wes possessit befoir be Mr. Adam Mitchell, sumtyme minister at Couper, to be upliftit furth of the tounes and landis following, lyand within the Priorie of Sanctandrois, viz., furth of the landis of Kilmux ten pundis, furth of the akeris of Couper threttie fyve pundis sex s. viij d., furth of the landis of Cullernie aucht lib. xvj s. iiij d., and furth of the new myln and walk myln of the parochin of Dairsie four pundis aucht schillingis iiij d.; with power to the sessioun of the said kirk, or ony uthiris haveand thair power and commissioun, to call follow and persew thairfoir befoir quhatsumevir juge or juges compitent, decreittis to obtein, and the samyn to dew executioun caus put, acquittancis and dischairgis upoun thair ressait to gif and deliver, quhilkis salbe als valeid and sufficient [as] if thai wer subscryvit be our selff or ony uthiris haveing our power. Thair entrie wes and began at the feist and term of Witsounday last wes, in this instant yeir of God, jai sex hundreth four yeiris, and sua sall continew in all tyme cuming as said is. In witnes quhairof, we have subscryvit thir presentis (writtin be Gilbert Robertsone notar publict) with our handis, at Perth, the fourt day of Julii, the yeir of God, jai sex hundreth four yeiris, befoir thir witnessis—Waltir Murray, chalmerlan of Methven, James Cleyland, our servitour, and Mr. Dauid Lindsay, minister at Sanctandrois, and the said Gilbert Robertsone, notar.

'Lenox.

'Walter Murray, witnes M. D. Lindesay, witnes
'J. Cleyland, witis. Gilbert Robertsone, witnes.'

Die xxvij° Novembris, 1597.

Collectit be Patrik Guthere and Jhone Carstaris smyth this last owk ix lib. xij s. Collection.

That it be intimeit to the pepill, Mononday and Weddinsday nixtt, that nane ressaif tikkettis to the communion bot sic as hes payit thair bigane contributioun, and sall pay the samyn Thurisday nixttocum. Intimatioun of the contributioun.

To warn Jhone Month and Jhone Miller cordinar for being absent fra kirk, with Clarence Leiche, to Weddinsday. [Month, Miller, Leiche,] *rij.*

Die ultimo mensis Novembris, 1597.

Jhone Month is ordanit to mak publict humiliatioun, for being absent fra sermone, Sonday nixttocum. [Jhone Month.] Sa.

The quhilk day, Issobell Pittillow, spous to Dauid Wilsoun in Cassindonat, offerrit up ane complant upon the said Dauid, that sche is evill intertenyt be him, and that he dois nocht his dewete to hir, as the complant at mair lenth proportis. The sessioun continewis the triall of this complant quhill this day aucht dayis, and in the meanetyme Martine Carstrophein his maister to be spokin. *Petitio* Pittillow, Wilson, *rij.*

Die vij° Decembris, 1597.

The sklander betuix George Lummisdane and Jhone Gibson &c. continewit to this day aucht dayis. [Lummisdane, Gibson,] *rij.*

The quhilk day, Cristene Ferry and Marioun Zuill, being delatit for being absent fra the kirk Fryday last wes, ar ordanit to mak publict humiliatioun Sonday nixttocum, and now continew. Ferry, Zuill. Sa.

The quhilk day, anent the dilatioun of sklander gevin in aganis Fynlo Gordoun his spous, and Henry Fowlis wyffe, the sessioun ordanis Duncane Balfour, Dauid Watson and Androw Ramsy to report thair triall of the sklander this day aucht dayis, and thaireftir the kirk to tak ordour with the sklander. Gordon, Fowlis, *rij.*

To gif to Jhone Mwrry mariner x s. for the present. [Pure helpit.]

And als to provide oukle to Agnes Lokkart and hir son, to hald him at the scole, iij s.

[Scott and harlot.] Sa.

To warn Androw Scott and his harlott to Sonday nixttocum, for keping cumpane on mariit.

[Duncan, Motto.] Sa.

To warn James Duncane to Sunday nixttocum, for ressett of Henry Moreis excommunicat; as also Magdalene Motto for that samyn caus.[1]

Die xxix° Marcii, anno Domini j^m v^c lxxxxviij°.

Decreit contrar Gray and Saith.

The quhilk day, Dauid Gray pewderar and Thomas Saith tailyour being callit comperit, and, being accusit for prophaning of the Saboth day in playing at the gouf eftir nune, confest the samin; and becaus thai war nocht apprehendit with the lyik fault of befoir, thai war admonished nocht to do the samin heireftir; and cravit the session forgivenes, and ar with thair awin consentis actit to pay fourtie s. ilk ane of thame, if evir thai be fund violating the Saboth day.

Confessio adulterii Fyiff and Ferry.

The quhilk day, James Fyif and Cristen Ferry being callit comperit, and being accusit of adultrie confest the samin of new since the first tyme thai war tryed of adultrie. In respect quhairof the magistratis ar desyrit to put thame to the knawlege of ane inquest, and ordinis Thomas Craig to await thairupoun; and in the menetyme the saidis adulteraris ar chargeit to compeir befoir the Presbiterie the morne to receave thair injunctiones.

Anent the banishment of Agnes Jak.

The quhilk day Thomas Studwart *alias* Babeis, being callit and accusit for resset in his hous of Agnes Jak a filthie *fornicatrix*, she being banisit this citie of befoir, confest the samin; and thairfoir he is ordanit, be advyse of the magistratis, to put hir fra his hous, undir the pane of banishment him self.

Elderis electit.

The quhilk day, the bretheren—in place of Charlis Watson notar departed sen the last election of the elderis, and Jhone Martyne elder nocht capabill of that office, and that James Shivez elder is also non resident in this citie—hes chosin in thair rowmes Thomas Lentroun elder, Stephan Philp and Dauid Averie; quha hes acceptit and suorn to discharge thair dewitieis thairin, as God gevis thame habilitie; and Martyne

A deacon addit.

[1] The remainder of this page is left blank. This is the last entry written in that hurried scroll hand which predominates through a large portion of the *Register*. The remainder is in a clear engrossing hand.

Lummisden is chosin deacon in that quarter designed to William Muffat and James Leiche.

Die secundo Aprilis, 1598.

The belman is ordinit to pas throught the towne and publishe that Act, maid the xij of November $j^m v^c$ lxxxxv yeiris, anent the keiping of the kirk in tyme of preching on the Saboth and wark dayis. Anent the keiping of sermon.

To caus warn Geilis Smyth, servand to James Shivez, to Wedinsday nixt. [Smyth,] *rij.*

Die Mercurii, quinto Aprilis, anno $j^m v^c$ lxxxxviij^o.

The quhilk day, Helene Bowie, for prophaning of the Saboth day and contumacie, is imprissoned, and to remane thairin quhill aucht houris at nycht, and to mak humiliation befoir the pulpeit upon Sonday nixt. Decreit contrar Bowie.

The quhilk day, anent the supplication gevin in be word be the craftismen of this citie anent thair keiping of the kirk be thame selffis and thair servandis, and halding thair buith durris fast tyme of sermone, they offer that the maisteris sall keip sermonis on wark dayis, bot can nocht lok thair buith duris nor caus thair servandis and boyes keip that ordour. The session ordinis that Act maid the xv of November 1595[1] to be keipit be the haill maisteris of houssis in this citie, and the mercheand buith durris to be closed tyme of preching; and the visitouris to note all maisteris of houssis absent fra the kirk, or utheris out of the kirk playing at games drinkand or vagand ydill; and the penaltie to be exactit of the transgressouris,[2] conform to the said Act; and referris thair ansuer anent the closing of the craftismenis buith durris to ane mair frequent[3] meitting of the bretheren. Anent keiping of preaching on wark dayis.

The quhilk day, Katheren Yrland, being accusit of fornication with William Strang, confest the samin, and that it wes done about Zule last wes in the hous of William Middiltoun *Confessio* Yrland.

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[1] There is no entry recorded under this date, but see pp. 807, 808.

[2] *Trangressouris* in MS.

[3] Better attended.

in Lochend, in Carnbie parochin. Mr. Dauid Mernis minister thair to be desyrit to try his pairt of that proces.

Confessio Smyth, Shives.

The quhilk day, comperit Gelis Smyth, and, being accusit to declair quha wes father of the bairn in hir bellie, ansuerit Robert Shivez, son to hir maister James Shivez, wes the father thairof; and that he had to do with hir carnallie aucht dayis immediatlie befoir he salit to France, and sua be hir awin rekning it is xxix oukis sen the bairn wes gottin.

Contract past.

The quhilk day, Jhone Currour and Alyson Millar presenting thame selfis to be contractit, she being ignorant is ordinit to pay xiij s. iiij d. to the pure, and to learn the Ten Commandementis befoir mariage.

Sonday, the ix of Aprile, 1598.

Anent catechising.

The bretheren ordinis Mr. Dauid Lindesay minister to teache upon Maister Calvins *Catechise*,[1] and the bairnis to ansuer him conform to the *Commoun Cathechise*.[2]

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[1] Calvin's *Catechism*, declared, in the *First Book of Discipline*, to be 'the most perfite that ever yit was used in the Churche,' was usually adjoyned to the *Book of Common Order*. It was reprinted in the second volume of Dunlop's *Confessions*, and in Dr. Bonar's *Catechisms of the Scottish Reformation*.

[2] I do not remember to have elsewhere observed any of the catechisms then in use in Scotland distinguished as the '*Commoun Cathechise*.' It is not likely to have been the *Palatine*, but it may have been the *Little Catechism* (see *supra*, p. 809 and n.). That, judging from the numbers which the old Edinburgh printers and booksellers had on hand when they died, was certainly the commonest. It was then known as the *Single Catechism*; while Calvin's was called the *Double Catechism*, because, perhaps, the *Little Catechism* was subjoyned to it (*Bannatyne Miscellany*, ii. 199, 201, 205, 212-215, 224, 234, 236, 243, 259, 260, 264). It is quite possible that Craig's '*Shorte Summe of the whole Catechisme*, wherein the Question is proponed and answered in few wordes, for the greater ease of the *commoune* people and children,' may have been familiarly called the *Commoun Catechism*. It was reprinted by Dr. Bonar, in 1866; and by Mr. Law, in 1883, in facsimile, from the original edition of 1581. If the object of the Kirk-session was to make it easy for the 'bairnis to ansuer,' they could not have done better than prescribe Craig's '*Shorte Summe*,' or his briefer '*Forme of Examination*.' The latter is not only included in Dr. Bonar's collection, but will be found in the second volume of Dunlop's *Confessions*, in a collection of *Confessions of Faith*, printed, by the Cameronians, in 1725, 1771, and 1785, and in Edward Irving's *Confessions of the Church of Scotland*. Of all the old catechisms, Davidson's gives the best idea of the homely methods of instruction then followed.

Wedinsday, the xij of Aprile, 1598.

The bretheren requestis the magistratis and counsale of this citie to nominat and chuse ane kirk maister with all convenient diligence; and the elderis to landwart [to][1] be warnit to compeir, that thair advyse may be had quhat ordour salbe taikin for reparing of this kirk. Anent a kirk maister.

Jhone Scott millar and Jonet Broun presenting thame selfis to be contractit, it wes fund she had nocht satisfeit the kirk for fornication with Dauid Guidfallo; and that the said Jhon and she hes had carnall copulation togidder, quhilk thai also confest. She is ordinit to satisfie for hir first fault, and thereftir with the said John befoir the pulpeit, befoir thair bandis be proclamed. *Confessio* Scott millar, [Broun]: contractit.

The quhilk day, Androw Philp being callit comperit, and being accusit confest fornication with Jonet Bell, and being fund very ignorant is ordinit to keip the cathechizing, that he may resave instructioun how to serve God, and in the mentyme hes offerit xx s. to the puir, and to mak his repentance. *Confessio* Philp.

The quhilk day, Alexander Broun, servand to William Balfour, being callit comperit and confest fornicatioun with Margaret Cutlar; and hes offerit for his civill penaltie xx s. to the puir, quhilk is ane half yeiris fie, being a puir boy. He is ordinit to mak his repentance. *Confessio* Broun.

Robert Narn as deacon warner[2] is desyrit be the sessioun and magistratis to caus the haill deacones of craft compeir this day aucht dayis, to resave the bretherenis resolution of the Act maid on Weddinsday last. [Deacons of craft,] *rij.*

The quhilk day, the baxteris of this citie ar dischargeit be the sessioun, with advyse of the magistratis, fra all furth putting of caseris, for selling of thair bread, at ony tyme upon the Saboth day; and that thair buith durris be nocht oppynnit the said day at any tyme, except betuix the preichingis, and fra fyve houris eftir nune furth. Anent the baxteris caseris.

Jhon Downy cuik, in respect of his povertie and inhabilitie, is appointit to resave fourty d. oukly for his support. Pure helpit.

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[1] Omitted.

[2] That is *deacon convener.*

Wedinsday, the xix of Aprile, 1598.

Kirk maister appointed.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, Robert Nairn, with advyse of the magistratis counsale and sessioun, is appointit to be kirk maister.

Anent the landwart parochianeris.

The quhilk day, comperit James Wemis of Lathoker, and James Martyne of Lathonis, and craved the benifeitis of the kirk of this citie, as parochianeris therof, as thair predicessouris had of befoir. The sessioun gevis ansuer to thair petitioun as is mentionat in the Act maid the xxiij of November last wes; provyding that thai and thair tenentis repair to this kirk on the Saboth dayis.

Confessio Anderson.

The quhilk day, comperit Bessie Andersoun, and, being accusit, confest hir to be with bairn to Charlis Dik tailyour; and that she hes born tua bairnis in fornicatioun, ane to Jhone Dipplene youngar, and the uther to Walter Ramsay, son to Walter Ramsay lorymer. [The sessioun][1] ordanis the said Charlis Dik to be warnit to Wedinsday nixt.

Anent burn leding.

The quhilk day, it is concludit that intimatioun be maid publiklie the nixt Saboth day, that na brouster nor litister in this citie leid,[2] nor caus[3] be led nor brocht in, ony burn,[4] to mask thair fattis, nor fill thair leadis upon the Saboth day at na tyme of the day.

Act anent Adame Broun.

The quhilk day, Adame Broun, son to Patrik Broun, [comperit],[1] and, being accusit, confest that he had played in the feildis on the Saboth day. He is admoneist that he do nocht the lyik in tyme cuming, and that he be obedient to his parentis, undir pane of punishment in strait maner.

Anent Tod ane harlot.

The quhilk day, Jonet Tod, as ane common harlot, is appointit to be put to ane assyse befoir the magistratis, and to be banished this citie, as ane nocht worthie of Christian society; and Mr. Dauid Lindesay minister to await upon the doing therof.

[Stent.]

The bellman is ordinit to pas throught the towne with the bell, for adverteisment to the neychtbouris to bring in thair stent to the puir.

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[1] Omitted.
[2] Carry.
[3] *Be caus* in MS.
[4] Water.

Sonday, the xxiij of Aprile, 1598.

The quhilk day, thair wes chosin to be stentouris for the towne, to mak ane roll of contribution to the puir, Dauid Watson, Dene of Gild, Patrik Guthrie, James Leiche, Andro Forrett, Thomas Dikson and Robert Nairn; and for the landwart George Ramsay elder of Langraw, Gawin Wemis of Vnthank, Patrik Dudingstoun elder of Raderny, Mr. Alexander Jarden, Martyne Carstorphine, Thomas Carstaris, Jhone Meluill of Raith, or Mr. Johne Hay of Priourlathem. Election of stentouris.

Mercurij, xxvj° Aprilis, 1598.

To warn Mr. George Sibbald and Marion Watson dilatit as fornicatouris, and Bessie Ramsay *fornicatrix* with Duncan Balfour, son to Stephan Balfour. The said Duncan hes now satisfeit for his fact. [Sibbald, Watson, Ramsay,] *rij.* Balfour satisfeit.

The quhilk day, Charlis Dik tailyour and Bessie Andersoun, being callit and accusit of fornication, confest the samin. She is ordinit to mak hir repentans as thryse relaps, and the last Saboth day in sek claith, and he to pay xx s. to the puire. *Confessio* Dik, Anderson.

The quhilk day, all simpill fornicatouris heireftir ar ordinit to begin thair repentance on Wedinsday, and sa to continew [on][1] Friday, and to be resavit and absolvit upon the nixt Saboth day. Act anent simpill fornicatouris.

The quhilk day, comperit William Lermonth, and desyrit the sessioun to gif him justice in the action intendit be him aganis Bessie Welwod, Mr. William and Jhone Welwodis, and Jhone Smyth; quhilk desyir is thocht ressonabill, and ordinis him to preive his allegeans according to the Act maid theranent, and the partyis and witnessis to be warnit therto Wedinsday nixt.[2] Lermonth *contra* Smyth, Welwodis.

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[1] Omitted.

[2] Although there is no previous reference to this action in the *Register of the Kirk Session*, there is at least one in the *Register of the Presbytery*. On the 2d of March 1597-8 the Presbytery 'ordanes that the moderatour and Mr. John [*sic*] Gladstanes to deall with William Lermonth, that he wald desist fra the persute of the action of sclander intendit befoir the session of Sanctandros' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). See *supra*, p. 838.

Act anent Winrhame and Greg, *rij.*

The quhilk day, Mr. Jhon Winrhame being callit comperit, and, being accusit for cohabitation with Agnes Greg with quhome he had committit fornication, confest she wes his servand; and sua it is fund to be sclanderous to the kirk and cuntrie, and therfore he is ordinit to remove hir fra his society; with certification, if he failyie therin, that thai salbe punished and haldin as relaps in fornication; and in the mentyme tryell to be taikin if thai be alreddie gilty therof, and the said Agnes to be warnit to this day aucht dayis.

Wedinsday, the thrid day of Maii, 1598.

Confessio Sibbald, Watsoun.

The quhilk day, Mr. George Sibbald being callit comperit, and being accusit confest fornication with Marion Watsoun. He hes satisfeit his penaltie, and to mak his repentance, and the said Marion to be warnit.

Confessio Ramsay.

The quhilk day, being callit Bessie Ramsay comperit and confest fornication with Duncan Balfour youngar, and is relaps on hir part; and is ordinit to mak hir repentance conform, and hes offerit xl s. to the pure.

[Lermonth, Welwodis,] *rij.*

The quhilk day, in the caus of sclander persewit be William Lermonth elder aganis Johne Welwod and his collegis, the defendaris being warnit to this day to heir probation led therin, comperit the said Jhon Welwod and adheris to the exception declinatour proponit be Mr. William Welwod his brother of before. The bretheren ordanit the said Jhon to preif his allegeans in the said declinatour, utherwayis they will purge thame selffis of partialitie, and find thame selffis judges therin. To the quhilk the said Jhone ansuerit, that thai wald preife thair said allegeans befoir the Presbitery. In respect of the quhilk ansuer, the bretheren, and every ane of thame, being purgeit of parcialitie and inimity born aganis the saidis defendaris, findis [thame selffis][1] in respect of the said purgation judges in the said caus, and admittis the persewaris bill to his probation as of befoir; and ordinis him to preife the samin this day aucht dayis, and the defendaris to be warnit therto.[2]

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[1] Omitted.

[2] The Welwods carried the case to the Presbytery, for, on the 4th of May 1598:—'Mr. William Waluod, Jhone Waluod, and John Smyth, declarit that

Die Saboti,[1] *vij° Maii,* [16—deleted] 1598.

Robert Nairn, with consent of the bretheren, is chosin and admitti[t] to be principall beddell and officiar to the kirk of this congregatio[n] and parochin, and Alane Robertsoun to be his substitut. Robert Nairn, kirk officiar.

Decimo Maii, 1598.

The quhilk day, comperit Agnes Greg in Craigtoun, and being accusit confest carnall copulation with Mr. Johne Winrhame of Craigtoun, anes sen the barne wes born to him, for the quhilk she had nocht satisfe[it] the kirk as yit; and therfore the magistratis ar requestit to caus hir be wardit quhill she find caution to satisfie. *Confessio* Greg, Winrhame.

Decimo septimo Maii, 1598.

The quhilk day, comperit [*Androw*—deleted] Agnes Greg, and is wardit quhill she find cation to satisfie disciplene, bayth for the first fornication and secund with Mr. Jhone Winrhame. Greg and Winrhame.

Jonet Broun comperit, and being accusit confest the ressait of Jsobell[2] Wod hir dochter, being banished this citie as ane vyle *fornicatrix*; and is admonist that she resave hir nocht heireftir, bot that she advertise the magistratis of hir cuming. Act anent Jsobell Wod.

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nochtwithstanding thai had appelled from the session of St. Androis, in ane action and cause intendit aganis thame be William Learmonth, yit the said session had proceidit in the said actioun; thairfore thai desyrit that the proces befoire the sessioun suld stay, and the accusation suld come befoire the Presbytrie as judges unsuspect. Quhairfore the Presbytrie ordenis the said session to desist from all forder process to this day fortein dayis, at quhilk tym Mr. William with the rest ar ordenit to give in thair appellatioun in wrett' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). Accordingly, on the 18th of May, 'Mr. William Waluod, compeirand befoir the Presbytrie, presentit his appellatioun from the sessioun of St. Androis, subscryvit with his awin hand and with the handis of Jhone his brother and Bessie his sister and Jhone Smyth.' The Presbytery 'differred the acceptation of the said appellation, whill Mr. George Gladstonis suld be present, and ordenis as of befoire the said session to desist from ony forder proceiding in the said action, and ordenis Mr. Dauid Lyndesay to intimat the samym to the said session' (*Ibid.*).

[1] This was the Lord's Day, not Saturday.

[2] Has been *Jonet.*

xxiiij° Maii, 1598.

Lermonth contrar Welwodis.

The quhilk day, the caus persewit be William Lermonth aganis Bessie Welwod and hir collegis is continewit to Sonday nixt, and in the mene tyme appointis the minister, Dauid Watson and Mr. William Wemis, to speik the Presbiterie, to undirstand the resson of thair advocation, seing the Act producit be thame makis na mention therof.[1]

Act for the kirk contribution.

The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Zule is appointed collectour of the contribution fra landwart for reparation of the kirk, and Patrik Guthrie to be collectour for the townes pairt therof.

Anent the keiping of the sessioun.

The quhilk day, it is ordinit that intimatioun be maid, out of pulpeit Sonday nixt, to the elderis and deacones that thai be all present in the sessioun on Wedinsday nixt, for taking ordour with sic of that number as keipis nocht the ordinar tyme of sessioun; with certification that the absentis salbe particularlie callit upon in the pulpeit.

Sonday, the xxviij of Maii, 1598.

Lermonth contrar Welwodis, *rij.*

The minister and utheris, quha war appointit to speik the Presbitery anent the advocatioun usit in the caus persewit be Williame Lermonth aganis Jhone Welwod and his collegis, reportis that the Presbitery will nocht charge the session to decist fra geving proces in that mater, bot only to sie if the samin actioun culd be tane up in presens of the said William Lermonth desyring process, to quhome thai assignit Wedinsday nixt for preving of his bill, and to warn the party and witnessis to that effect the said day.

Anent the reparing of the kirk.

The quhilk day, George Ramsay elder of Langraw, and Gawin Wemis of Vnthank, ar appointit to be owersearis for the landwart to the reparatioun of the kirk, and Mr. Robert Zule to be collectour of the stent therto.

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[1] Next day, 'Mr. George Gladstanis reportit that, for obedience to the Act of the Presbytrie, he had desistit from proceiding in the actioun intendit be William Learmonth aganis Mr. William Waluod and his colledgis; craving that the said Presbytrie waid travill in the said actioun, that it mycht be peaceable takin away: for doing quhairoff, the brithering thinkis it guid that the parteis be delt wi hall, to submit the mater to sex of the brithering of the Presbytrie as the parteis sall choise' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

Wedinsday, the last day of Maii, 1598.

The quhilk day, in the caus of sclander persewit be William Lermonth aganis Jhone Welwod and his collegis, in terme statut to preife the bill, the defendaris being therto lauthfullie warnit comperit nocht. The persewar produceit Mris. Dauid Monipenny, John Jhonstoun, Homer Blair, James Ros, Patrik Meluill, and Mr. Robert Zule vicar, Jhone Fairfoule, Charlis Zule and Dauid Every, witnessis, resavit and suorn, quha all, except the saidis Mris. Homer Blair and James Ros, being examinat, deponit as thair ansueris bearis; and [the session][1] ordanis the saidis Mris. Homer and James Ros to be chargeit literallie to compeir this day aucht dayis and depone in the said caus, as thai that ar alreddie suorn to that effect; with certification, if thai refuse to compeir and depone, that the sessioun will proceid with publik censures aganis thame. To preife *pro secundo*[2] this day xv dayis.[3]

Lermonth contrar Welwodis, &c. *rij. q.*

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Mathow and Thomas Moreis, being callit and accusit for prophaning of the Saboth day in nocht keiping of the kirk, they have confest the samin, and hes promeist to amend that fault be the grace of God.

Mathow and Moreis admonist.

The quhilk day, Niniane Jhonstoun being callit comperit, and, being accusit for shedding of Androw Mortoun his blude, confest the samin; and therfoir is ordinit to compeir befoir

Decreit contrar Niniane Jhonsoun.

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[1] Omitted.

[2] *Pro secunday* in MS.

[3] On the 1st of June, 'Mr. George Gladstanis and Robert Durie reportit [to the Presbytery] that thai had travellit betuix William Learmonth and Mr. William Waluod, who had chosin, ether of thame, thrie of the Presbytrie to cognosce upon the slaunder: William Lermonth for him, Mr. Robert Wilkie, Mr. George Glaidstanis and [*blank*]; Mr. William Waluod for him, Mris. James Meluill, Robert Durie and Dauid Mearnis; who had travellit bot had come no speid. Therfore the Presbytrie ordenis the said session to be summond efter this manner. FORSAMEKILL as thair is ane appellatioun givin in before us be Mr. William Waluod, Bessy Waluod his sister, and thair colledgis, alledging wrang done to thame be the sessioun of St. Androis, in the actioun and caus persewit be William Lermonth befoir thame aganis the saidis parteis; nochtwithstanding that thai have declynit the said sessioun upon relevant caussis, as thair declinatour producit befoir us at mair lenth proportis. Thairfoir the Presbytrie ordenis the said sessioun to compeir befoir us, the fyftein day of Junii instant, to produce thair proces, and to ansuer for them selffis with certeficatioun, etc.' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

the pupeit on Sonday nixt, and humbly to crave God for mercy and the congregation.

Anent the text for preacheing.

The quhilk day, it is thocht gude be the bretheren that Mr. George Glaidstanes minister proceid in preaching of the Secund Buik of Samuell, and the Buikis of the Kingis following, upon the Saboth day.

Sonday, the fourt day of Junii, 1598.

Commissionar to Dumfermling.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, &c., Dauid Watsoun, Dene of Gild, wes nominat and chosin to be commissionar for the towne, to the Provinciall Assemblie to be haldin at Dumfermling.

Wedinsday, the vij of Junii, [1608—deleted] 1598.

Decreit contrar Kay, Smyth, Ferry and Dawsoun.

The quhilk day, Dauid Kay, cultellar servand, callit comperit, and being accusit confest his fault in prophanatioun of the Saboth day, nevir keiping the kirk, nather Saboth nor wark dayis, and in weisting of Godis blessingis utherwayis; comperit also James Ferry, Johne Smyth youngar smyth, and James Dawsoun officiar, and being accusit [confest][1] thair playing at the kairdis in tyme of preching; and therfoir ordinis thame to mak repentance befoir the pulpeit Sonday nixt.

Wedinsday, the xiiij of Junii, [160—deleted][2] 1598.

Decreit contrar Vtene, Rickard, and Oliphant.

The quhilk day, William Vtene, Dauid Rickard and Thomas Oliphant, being callit and accusit of drunkinnes, comperit and confest the samin, and hes promeist nocht to committ sic fault heireftir. They ar ordinit to mak humiliation Sonday nixt in exempill of utheris [nocht][1] to committ the lyik.

Brydie admonist.

The quhilk day, Elspot Brydie, spous to Robert Wilsoun wrycht, callit comperit, and being accusit confest the ressett of the curates sones and thair collegis in hir hous, to pley at the

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[1] Omitted.

[2] The recurrence of these deleted figures leads one to suppose that this part of the *Register* was 'written up' from a scroll or from notes at a slightly subsequent period.

kairdis at extraordinar tymes; and therfor she wes admonist nocht to committ the lyik fault heireftir, undir the pane of publict censures.

Lermonth contrar Welwodis, &c.

The quhilk day, anent the terme assignit to William Lermonth to do diligens and to preife *pro secundo*,[1] in the caus aganis Bessie Welwod and hir collegis, Mr. James Ros, witnes, resavit of befoir, comperit and refusit to depone, bot affirmit that the party will confes all that is spokin and preve the samin *loco et tempore*, and for mister him self culd declair mair theranent nor the session wald wish to heir. And Stephan Philp witnes *pro secundo*[1] refusit to depon becaus he wes nocht resolvit.[2]

Wedinsday, the xxj of Junii, 1598.

Watson absolvit.

Marioun Watsoun, *fornicatrix* with Mr. George Sibbald, wes resavit the Saboth day last wes, and absolvit for that fact.

Dilation aganis Cuke.

The quhilk day, Androw Cuik flesher being dilatit, be Androw Forrett and James Leiche elderis, for his filthie behaviour, in contempteous maner, in thair presens, upon the calsay, werscland[3] and kissand of Elspot Watsoun, laufull

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[1] *Secunda* in MS.

[2] Next day, the 15th of June, 'Compeirit [before the Presbytery] Mris. William Russell, William Weimys, and Alexander Winchister, with Andro Forratt, for the session of St. Androis, who wer summond to compeir befoir the Presbytrie in the action and caus persewit be William Lermonth aganis Mr. William Waluod, Bessy Waluod, and thair collegis; who requystit that, seing thair minister wes absent, thai wald delay to his home cuming in the said caus; whairunto the Presbytrie yeildit, and ordenit them to compeir the nixt day bringand with them thair proces, and in the meanetym to desist from ony forder proceiding' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). The session did not comply with this request, for, on the 22d of June, the Presbytery 'Ordenis the sessioun of St. Androis to compeir the nixt day and to bring with thame thair proces' (*Ibid.*). On the 29th—'The sessioun of St. Androis being callit compeired; and, being requyrit to produce thair proces aganis William Waluod and his collegis, ansuerit, It behovit thame to stand for the libertie of thair sessioun, and thairfoir to alledge aganis *litis ingressum*, that thai awcht not to produce thair proces nor desist from forder proceiding in that cause, for the ressonis following givin in be thame in wrett; befoir the discussing whairoff gaiff thame admonitioun, and maid thair protestatioun as fallowis' (*Ibid.*). Neither the reasons nor the protestation are copied into the *Register of the Presbytery*; but there is a note saying—'The productioun of the foirsaid ressonis diffairit to the nixt day.'

[3] Wrestling.

dochter of unquhile Charles Watsoun; and in geving of thame selffis evill langage, and therwith provokand the said Androw to the Port, to fight with him. He is ordinit to be warnit therfoir to Friday nixt.

Anderson admonist.

Jonet Andersoun, spous to Jhone Rioche fisher, callit comperit, and, being accusit for flyting with hir neychtbouris, confest the samin, and wes admonist nocht to do the lyik heireftir.

Friday, the xxiij of Junii, 1598.

Decreit contrar Androw Cuik.

The quhilk day, Androw Cuik flesher callit comperit, and, being accusit of his filthie and evill behaviour as is mentionat in the Act immediatlie preceding, the bretheren, eftir lang dealing with the said Androw theranent, findis the said dilatioun sufficientlie verifeit, pairtly be his awin confessioun and partlie be the testimony of honest witnessis; and therfoir the said Andro is ordinit to stand upon Sonday nixt at the kirk dur, with sek claith about him, fra the secund bell to preaching befoir nune, till the thrid bell be endit, and thereftir to sit on the hiest degrie of the penitent stule, and thair to crave God mercy and the congregatioun, and in particular forgivenes of the saidis Androw Forrett and James Leiche, and forder as the sessioun will injoyne him.

Wedinsday, the xxviij of Junii, [16—deleted] 1598.

Cuik, Braid, and Oliphant, satisfeit.

Androw Cuik maid repentance and wes resavit on Sonday last; and siclyik Jhone Braid, and Thomas Oliphant burnlader, wes resavit for thair drukynnes.

Act anent the pure.

It is thocht expedient be the bretheren, that, in respect, throught the blissing of God, the victuall is becum of ane esiar price nor it wes at laitlie, the puir folkis stent be diminished *pro rato*, according to thair habilitie or inhabilitie to wirk for thair leving.

Wedinsday, the fyift of Julii, 1598.

Item, it is thocht expedient that the visitouris note sic of

this parrochin as passis to the preaching to Sanctleonardis kirk, and will nocht resort to thair awin ordinar kirk; and to awaitt on sic as passis to the feilds, and keipis na preaching on the Saboth day; and to report thair diligens in the sessioun ouklie.

Anent the transgressouris[1] of the Saboth.

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Mathow being callit comperit and confest his fault, in braking of the Saboth day and nocht resortand to the kirk in tyme of preaching nor prayeris; ffor the quhilk he wes sharplie rebuikit, with certification, if he war apprehendit in that fault heireftir, he suld be punished with all rigor.

Mr. Dauid Mathow rebuikit, &c.

The quhilk day, it being concludit of befoir that ane stent suld be maid for helping of the puir yeirly, quhilk is now set doun, partlie be voluntar offer and pairtlie be stent upon the neychtbouris, conform to the roll thairof; the persones following ar appointit to collect the samin, ilk ane within thair awin boundis of this citie as the samin is divydit to thame, viz., Robert Nairn for the first quarter, Jhon Carstaris for the 2, Johne Hagy for the 3, Walter Gibson for the 4, Thomas Craig for the fyift, Nicoll Mayne for the 6, Andro Watsoun for the vij, Mr. Dauid Russell for the 8, William Mwffatt for the nynt, Robert Williamsoun for the tent, Androw Forrett for the xj, and Walter Todrik for the tuelff[2] quarter, and to delyver the samin to the thesaurar.

Act anent the collecting of ane contribution to the pure.

The quhilk day, the collectouris appointit for collecting of the taxatioun for reparing of the kirk, bayth of the landwart and citie, and personis part, ar ordinit to report ather horning or pament thairof to this day xv dayis.

Taxation for reparation of the kirk.

The quhilk day, anent the charge gevin to the bretheren be the Presbiterie, for productioun befoir thame of the proces depending at the instance of William Lermonth aganis Bessie Welwod and hir collegeis, or ellis to produce thair ressones in the contrar, the bretheren hes gevin commission to Mr. William Russell, Mr. Walter Wemis, Mr. William Cok, Alexander Winchister, Patrik Guthrie, Mr. Henry Danskyne and William Mwffatt, to delyver thair ressonis to the Presbiterie quhy thai aucht nocht to produce that proces befoir thame; and, if thair

Ansuer to the Presbiterie anent the proces Lermonth contrar Welwodis.

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[1] *Trangressouris* in MS. [2] *The xij tuelff* in MS.

ressones be repellit, committis powar to thame to appeale to the nixt Synode, or visitouris appointit be the Generall Assemblie (if ony be).[1]

Anent the mariage of Thomas Wod with Elspot Jnglis.

The quhilk day, anent the petitioun producit be Jhone Jnglis of Stratyrhim, desyring his dochteris mariage to be solemnizat upon Thurisday nixt, in respect it is ordinit that mariage and baptisme suld be only upon the Saboth day Wedinsday or Friday, it wes ansuerit thairto, that the minister suld try the necessitie thairof, and being fund be him, he to solemnizat the said mariage.

James Dik admonist.

The quhilk day James Dik wobstar callit comperit and confest the braking of the Saboth day. He wes sharply admonist to keip the kirk better in tyme cuming.

Wedinsday, the tuelf of Julii, 1598.

Anent the communion to landwart.

The quhilk day, it is concludit that the communion salbe celebrat, God willing, upon the xiij day of August nixt, to sa mony of the landwart parochin as salbe fund worthie thairof; and that nane of the towne, that withdrawis thame selffis of purpois fra the tyme of the celebratioun of that haly sacrament appointit to that effect preceding, salbe sufferit to communicat with the landwart pepill; and that intimatioun be maid, Sonday nixt, that sic as abstractis thame selffis thairfra at this tyme approcheing salbe declarit excommunicat personis, as thai that wilfully debarris thame selffis fra that haly table.

Wilfull refusaris to be declarit excommunicat.

Anent ane fast.

The quhilk day, it is thocht expedient be the bretheren,

[1] Contrary to what one would expect from the above determination, when the Presbytery met on the 13th of July, 'Mr. George Gladstanis producit the proces of the session of St. Androis in the actioun and cause of William Learmonth aganis Mr. William Waluod, etc., quhilk bein rede and considderit wes delayit to deall in the said proces whill this day awcht dayis. In the mearnetym (*sic*) the brithering ordenis that thir brithering following sall travill with the parteis, that the mater may be frindly composit, to wit, Mris. Andro Duncan, Nicoll Dalgleische, John Dickis and John Carmichell, with Mr. William Waluod; and Mris. Robert Wilkie, Rector, and George Gladstanis with William Lermonth' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). The result was satisfactory, for, a week later, 'The brithering that wer appointit to travill with Mr. William Waluod, etc., report thair diligence; and inquyrit giff they suld deall ony forder in the mater, Mr. George Gladstanis, that wes for the part of William Learmonth, ansuerit that that mater wes freindly composit and tane away' (*Ibid.*).

upon gude considerationis moving thame, to appoint ane fast to be thir tua nixt Saboth dayis, beginand on Sattirday at aucht houris at nycht, and to continew on Sonday till four houris eftir nune.

The quhilk day, thair wes appointit and nominat certane of the bretheren, to travell for taking away of all eilestis and feidis [1] amongis the neychtbouris of this citie, for the better humiliation of the pepill and preparing of thame to the said haly work. Anent removeing of eilestis.

The quhilk day, it wes dilatit that Gelis Smyth, in tyme of hir travelling with chyld, confest the same to have bene gottin be James Shivez, nochtwithstanding she allegeit of befoir the samin to have bene gottin be Robert Shives his sone; and for the better tryell thairof, certane of the bretheren being directit to pas to hir and try the verity thairof, she being bedfast in Muttois Wynd; quha, being examinat, confest that the samin bairn than born be hir wes gottin be the said James Shives and be na uther person, and that he had carnall copulation with hir thrie divers tymes, xiiij dayis or thairby befoir Michelmes last wes. *Confessio adulterii* Smyth, Shives.

Decimo nono Julii, 1598.

The quhilk day, Thomas Moreis being callit comperit, and being accusit confest the violating of the Saboth day. He is admoneist that if he be tryit heireftir to be a brakar of the Saboth day, a drunkard, a fechtar, or a nycht walkar, disobedient to magistratis, or doing sic thingis as becummis nocht a Christian, that he salbe declarit publiklie ane onworthie member of this congregatioun, and punished thairfoir condignely. Act aganis Thomas Moreis.

Mr. Robert Zule protestit, in case he gett nocht concurrance be the thesaurar collectour of the tua part of the taxatioun for reparing of the kirk, that he as collectour thairof to landwart will repair that part of the kirk begun be him, and will omit the rest. *Protestatio* Zule anent reparing of the kirk.

The quhilk day, James Lermonth, son to Patrik Lermonth in Nydie,[2] being callit comperit and confest fornication with *Confessio* Lermonth.

[1] Offences and feuds.

[2] Interlined over *Drone* deleted.

Margaret Scott in Nydie, be procreation of ane madin bairn. He is dismist till she be warnit.

Friday, the xxj of Julii, 1598.

Ordour for preparation to the fast and communioun.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, it wes concludit the preparation and ordour of the fast and communion service to be as followis, viz., Maister George Glaidstanes to preache the morn eftir nune for preparatioun, and sall intimat the fast; and upon the nixt Saboth the morning preaching to begin at fyve houris, and sic as heiris that preaching sall then communicat only; and to that effect the durris to be lockit at the ending of the Psalme; and the secund sermon to begin at nyne houris, and Mr. Dauid Lindesay to teache in the College Kirk befoir nune, and eftir nune at thrie houris.

For serving the taibillis and in the kirk.

The quhilk day, William Mwffatt and Androw Watsoun ar appointit to collect the tiquotis, Mr. William Russell and Mr. William Wemis the almous, in the morning; Androw Forrett and James Leiche for the tiquotis befoir nune, Mr. Dauid Russell and Alexander Winchister the silver; Thomas Dikson and Johne Greg to await on the bread and wyne, and Walter Gibsoun and Robert Nairn to beir the samin to the taibillis.

Wedinsday, the xxvj of Julii, 1598.

Deir, [Greg,] Winrhame, *rij.*

The quhilk day Mr. Jhone Winrhame and Agnes Greg his harlot and Alexander Deir being callit comperit nocht. The baillies ar desyrit to caus ward thame, if thai can be apprehendit, quhill thai find cautioun to compeir befoir the session this day viij dayis.

Sonday, the penult of Julii, 1598.

Fyiff and Ferryis bairn.

The baptizing of the bairn procreat betuix James Fyiff and Cristen Ferry is remittit to the Presbiterie as thai will direct.[1]

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[1] 'August 3, 1598. . . . Ordenis the ministrie of St. Androis to beptize James Fyffe his bairne, upon the satisfactioun and requyst of ather of the parteis, according to ordour' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

William Lermonth youngar being callit comperit, and, being accusit for railling on the Provest and baillies, and sua gevand evill exempill of sclander to utheris, ansuerit he wald submitt him self to the bretheren, and for his fault wald obey any thing thai wald injoyne to him. The sessioun referrit him bak to the magistratis.[1] Dilation contrar Lermonth.

The quhilk day, it is thocht neidfull that the gentillmen to landwart be warnit to Wedinsday nixt, for taking ordour with the feadis or eilestis in the landwart parrochin, if ony be, for thair better preparatioun to the communioun. Anent the eilestis to landwart.

Wedinsday, the secund day of August, 1598.

The quhilk day, James Proude mariner and Jonet Cuik, bayth in this congregation, ar contractit in mariage togidder, and thair pand ordinit to be consignit. Contract [Proude, Cuik].

The quhilk day, it is concludit that intimatioun be maid out of pulpet, on Sonday nixt, to all personis quha hes bene ignorant or abstractit thame selffis wilfullie fra the communioun last celebrat, that thai compeir on Moninday nixt at nyne houris in the communion yle, and gif up thair names, that thai may be examinat and tymes appointit to that effect; and the remanent that wilfullie abstractit thame selffis to gif in thair ressonis thairanent, with certificatioun thai that comperis nocht salbe haldin and declarit excommunicat personis. Aganis wilfull refusaris to communicat and ignorantis.

The quhilk day, James Lermonth, son to Patrik Lermonth, and Margaret Scott his harlot, being callit, comperit and confest fornicatioun be procreatioun of ane bairn. He is *Confessio* Lermonth, Scott.

[1] This was not the first time that this excitable reckless fellow had given trouble. On the 16th of December 1596, William Russell and George Mearnis, bailies of St. Andrews, complained to the Presbytery, 'that quhair upon Sunday last wes Mr. Robert Wallace thair minister delivering his doctrein gravlie and sinceirly, reproving the enormeteis and sinnes of his peipill, yit, nochtwithstanding, after sermont he wes invadit be William Learmonth younger, ane of thair burgessis, maist unreverently and undewtifullie with bosting and threting behaviour in the face of all the peipill, immediatlie efter his furthcuming of the pulpeit, to the gryt dishonour of God, contempt of his Majesteis lawis inhibiting all sic undewtifull dealling, and also to the evill exempill of the behalderis; quhairby gryt skaith of bluid micht have fallin furth throw the tumult rasit be him, war nor that the Lord of his mercie stayit the samyn' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

ordanit to mak repentance as relaps, and she as for the first fornication, and hes satisfeit for thair civill penaltie.

Confessio Ramsay.

The quhilk day, Bessie Ramsay, *fornicatrix* with Duncan Balfour, [is ordanit][1] to mak repentance on Friday and to be resavit on Sonday nixt, becaus she satt on the penitent stule ane day of befoir.

Wemen seattis removeit.

The quhilk day, it is concludit that the haill wemen saittis fixit within the kirk be removit with expeditioun, for eschewing of trubill amongis wemen in the kirk.

Lawson and Husband admonist.

The quhilk day, Androw Lawsoun and Johne Husband being callit comperit, and confest thair evill behaviour in playing and drinking extraordinarly, and thairfoir ar admonist nocht to committ the lyik faultis in tyme cuming.

Wedinsday, the ix day of August, 1598.

Confessio Nory.

The quhilk day, Effame Nory being callit comperit, and confest fornicatioun with Duncan Balfour, son to Stephan Balfour, and that the bairn in hir womb wes gottin be him xxij or xxiij oukis sensyne. She is dismissit till his returning from the saile.

Decreit contrar Smyth.

The quhilk day, Jonet Smyth, spous to George Gardner, for the injurious langage spokin be hir to Margaret Authinlek, is ordinit to crave the said Margret forgivenes upon hir kneis, at the buith dur quhair the samin wes uterit; and, if she be fund in the lyik fault heireftir, to be punished in the hiest maner in exempill of utheris.

Mathow admonist *de novo.*

The quhilk day, Mr. Dauid Mathow, callit, comperit, and being accusit of new confest his playing at the kairdis and nycht walking, and rashe ansueris gevin in sessioun. ffor the quhilk he makis humiliation presentlie, and promittis nevir [to commit][1] the lyik faultis heireftir, be Godis help.

Wedinsday, the xvj day of August, 1598.

Confessio Smyth.

The quhilk day, James Shives and Gelis Smyth callit comperit, and the said Gelis being accusit confest the bairn in hir

[1] Omitted.

armes and born be hir wes gottin be James Shives xiiij dayis eftir Michilmes last wes, viz., the xiiij day of October last or thairby, eftir nune, in his leuch chalmer, within the hall; and the said James being accusit denyit the samin *simpliciter*, as he will ansuer to God. Shives denyall.

The quhilk day, Mr. Johne Winrhame being callit comperit, and, being accusit for fornication committit be him with Agnes Greg his harlot of auld, denyit the samin *simpliciter*; albeit the said Agnes had confest the said fact to be done sen his bairn wes borne. He is warnit *apud acta* to Wedinsday nixt, and she to be warnit. Winrhame and Greg.

Wedinsday, the xxiij of August, 1598.

The quhilk day, Gelis Smyth desyrit hir bairn, gottin be James Shives, to be baptizit, the samin being verie weik and seiklie. The session ansuerit they will advyse thairanent with the Presbiterie, quhidder the bairn of adultereris confest be the mother may be baptist befoir hir repentance, and the said James denyall of the fact, and report ansuer on Friday nixt.[1] Shives, Smyth.

The quhilk day, comperit Mr. Johne Winrhame and abydes at his denyall as of befoir, that he had nevir carnall copulation with Agnes Greg sen his bairn wes borne be hir. He is warnit *apud acta* to this day aucht dayis and she to be warnit. Winrhame, Greg.

xxv° Augusti, 1598.

It is reportit be the minister that the Presbiterie thinkis neidfull to delay the baptisme of Gelis Smyth hir bairn, quhill forder tryell be had anent the said James Shives fact of adultrie. Shives, [Smyth].

Wedinsday, the penult of August, 1598.

The quhilk day, comperit Mr. Johne Winrhame, and declarit that he wes nocht resolvit as yit to confes the fault he nevir Winrhame, Greg.

[1] 'August 24, [1598]. . . . Differris the questinon proponit be Mr. George Glaidstanis, concerning the baptizing of ane barne gottin in adulterie as is alledgit be the mother bot denyit be the father, with all the rest of the circumstances thairoff, whill the nixt day, be ressoun that sundrie of the brithering wer absent' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

did, allegeit be Agnes Greg. He is warnit to this day aucht dayis and she to be warnit.

Decreit Thomsoun.

The quhilk day, Jonet Thomsoun, servand to Ninian Johnesoun, being callit comperit and confest hir evill langage uterit aganis Katherene Wemis and Elspot Wemis hir dochter; and thairfoir is ordinit to crave thame forgivenes thairof upon hir kneis, and the session also, quhilk she did.

Decreit Rodger, Wilson.

Thomas Rodger in Strakynnes and Barbara Wilsoun thair, being accusit, confest thair wirking on Sonday last, and thairfoir ar ordinit to mak humiliatioun Sonday nixt.

Confessio adulterii Shives, Smyth.

The quhilk day, James Shives and Gelis Smyth callit comperit, and the said Gelis being accusit abydis constantlie at hir formar confessionis, that James Shives wes the father of that bairn born be hir and na uther, and that it wes gottin be him tyme and place befoir declarit be hir, in presens of the said James; quha, eftir lang denyall and mony circumstances, confest he had hir thryse in his bed, and wald have delt with hir carnalie, bot it wes nocht done in effect; and yit if the tyme of the getting of the bairn com to the xxv day of September last, he suld be the father of it, quhilk bairn wes born the tent day of Julii last wes. The bretheren haveing considderit the mater findis the said James gilty of the said fact of adultrie, Gelis Bennett his wyif beand on lyve; and ordinis him to satisfie disciplene thairfoir, and findis him na wayis worthie to bruik the office of eldership in this congregatioun; quhilk being intimat to the said James, he than confest the said adultrie and wald satisfie thairfoir as he suld be injoyned, and findis his conscience releved of ane gryt burding of syn, and beseikis God to grant him true repentance for it, and the bretheren to assist him with thair prayeris; quha is ordinit to mak repentance, and to begin the samin upon Sonday the tent of September nixt, and to stand in the porch dur bare hedit and bair futtit with seck clothe, betuix the secund and thrid bell, and than on the penitent stule, and to continew during the will of the session, and his bairn to be baptisit the said day.[1]

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[1] 'August last, [1598]. . . . Compeirit James Schewis, wricht in St. Androis, who confessit he had committit adulterie with Geillis Smyth his awin servand. The brithering remittis him to his sessioun of St. Androis' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

Wedinsday, the xiij of September, 1598.

The quhilk [day][1], James Duncan and Jonet Millar his spous, for thair common resset of Henry Moreis being excommunicat, and with him tua wemen, quhilkis war convoyed away at his bak yett, ar ordinit to mak repentance in sek claith Sonday nixt; and the magistratis also desyrit to putt thame to the knawlege of ane inquest. Decreit Duncan and Millar.

The quhilk day, Androw Methven being callit comperit, and confest his fornicatioun with Margaret Dalgleishe. He is ordanit to mak repentance and to satisfie his civill penaltie. *Confessio* Methven, Dalgleish.

Jonet Blak, relict of unquhile Johne Stewart, is ordinit to mak repentance upon Sonday nixt, for violating the Saboth day, in selling of aill in tyme of preching, befoir nune and eftir nune. Decreit Blak.

The quhilk day, Agnes Greg comperit and confest as of befoir that Mr. Jhone Winrhame had to do with hir anes sen hir bairn wes born, for the quhilk she is ordinit to mak repentance as relaps in fornicatioun; and the said Mr. Jhone denyit the samin as of befoir, as he will ansuer to God. *Confessio* Greg. *Negatio* Winrhame.

The quhilk day comperit Duncan Balfour youngar and confest his fornicatioun with Effame Norie.[2] He is ordinit to mak repentance as relaps, and hes offerit four lib. to the puir. *Confessio* Balfour.

Wedinsday, the xx of September, 1598.

The quhilk day, Charlis Dik tailyour, for violating the Sabath day in drinking the tyme of preching, is ordinit to mak humiliation, Sonday nixt. *Decretum* Dik.

The quhilk day, the sessioun being informit be Esther Welwod that thair wes sum shottis of pistollis or hagbuittis dischargeit at hir stair behund the kirk, and at hir sister stair in the College Wynd, upon Sonday wes aucht dayis, at nycht, and that be thair enemeis the Arthoures or thair complices; and for tryell thairof the session causit compeir befoir thame Mr. Dauid Ruthirfurde, Mr. Hew Lindesay, James and Patrik *Dilatio* Welwodis contrar Arthures, &c.

[1] Omitted.

[2] Initial letter of *Norie* has been altered.

Arthouris, and William S[ta]ig baxter, quha all, be thair gryt aith suorn, purgeit thame selffis thairof, nather knaw thai quha did the samin.[1]

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[1] There seems to have been an old and well-known feud between the Welwods and Arthurs. On the 9th of October 1595, 'Mr. James Melvill, minister of Godis Word at the kirk of Kilrinnie, reportid to the Presbytrie that [the] Kingis Majestie hathe recomendit the reconsiliatione of the Walwodis and Arthuris to the Proveist and counsall of St. Andros; quhairfoir the said Mr. James cravitt the Presbytrie to nominat sum of their number to trevell with the Provest and counsall in the said mater. And lykwyse Mris. Robert Wilkie and Androw Muncreif reportit to the said Presbytrie that thay war appoyntit, be the Provintiall Asemble of Fyfe haldin at Dysert, to travell in the said mater. In respect of the saidis reportis, the Presbytrie ordanis Mris. Androw Melvill, James Melvill, Dauid Blak, Robert Wallace and Robert Durie, with the uther tua appoyntit be the Provintiall Assemble, or ony thrie of them, to travell in the said mater; and appoyntis Mr. Robert Wilkie to caus the Proveist sett a day of meitting' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). 'October 16. The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Wilkie reportit to the Presbytrie that he had travellit with the Provest of St. Andros for the uptaking of the variance betuix the Arthouris and Waluodis, and that the said Provest for that effect hath nominat and sett the sevintein day of October to meit. The Presbytrie thairfoir ordenis the said Mr. Robert, with the foirnamit personis, to travell and report thair diligence in the said mater' (*Ibid.*). 'October 23. The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Wilkie reportit that he had travellit with the Provest of St. Andros for the uptaking of the variance betuix the Waluodis and Arthouris, and that the Provest hath nominat for that effect maist indifferent Mris. Dauid and William Russallis, Duncan Balfour, Dauid Watsoun, Dauid Auery and Patrik Gutherie. So the Presbytrie nominatis uther brethering then wer befoir nominat, noth that ther wer ony of them partiall, or because they war noth meit for the samyn, bot only to tak away quhatsoever suspitioun the partie of the Arthouris micht have had of the commoneris, quhairby they micht have bein stayit. The personis—Mris. Nicoll Dalgleische, Robert Wilkie, Dauid Monipenny, John Johnstoun, Robert Durie, Andro Moncreiffe—to convein with the foirnamit personis of the consall in the parroche kirk at tuo efternoun' (*Ibid.*). At the three successive meetings of Presbytery, Wilkie and his colleagues were instructed to continue their labours in this affair, and it afterwards drops out of sight. That reconciliation in this case would be no easy task is shown by the behaviour of one of the Arthurs in the presence of the Presbytery at this very time. 'October 23, [1595]. . . . The quhilk day, compeirit William Arthour complaning upon Mr. Robert Wallace, alledging him to have mispersonit him in his doctring, calling him, Murdering knav, William Arthour! quhair art thow? Mr. Robert being cravit upon quhat occasioun he had spokin thir wordis, quha declaring in quhat respectis he had spokin the former wordis, the brithering judgit William nocht onlie worthie of that kynd of repruiffe bot of far gryter; and thairfoir the Presbytrie callit the said William to ressave his rebuick in thair presens; and quhill the moderatour wes travelling greatly to bring him to the acknawleging of his sin, the said Mr. Robert spak in the hering of all the brithering, Moderatour, I spak those wordis quhairof William accuses me, and I will noth deny it! Then ansuerit William, in the

The quhilk day, Dauid Guidfallow and Thomas Halden ar admonist, that thai be nocht fund playand ower nycht at tables heireftir, as thai have confest,[1] with William Lermonth youngar nor na uther. [Guidfallow and Halden] admoneist.

The quhilk day comperit Margret Dalgleish and confest fornicatioun with Androw Methven be procreation of ane chylde. She is ordinit to mak hir repentance. *Confessio* Dalgleish.

The quhilk day, Androw Zeman millar callit comperit, and being accusit confest the shedding of Jhone Fraser his blude, and thairfoir he is ordinit to mak repentance upon Sonday nixt. *Confessio* Zeman.

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face of the Presbytrie and utheris brethering send from the Synodoll, Thow leis falsly, and ether sall thow deny that word and aett up, or it sall cost me my lyffe! Quhairat the brithering, being maist heily offendit, send for the magistratis of the said citie and exponit the mater to them, desyring them to tak ordour with sic ane godles attempe; quha, nochtwithstanding of thair presens, utterit the lyk wordis in gryter pryd and rage of hairt. The magistratis thaireftir patt the said William in ward, to remane ay and quhill he sould find sufficient cautioun, under the paine of fyve hundreth merkis, binding him, or quhomesoever he micht hender, from molesting of the said Mr. Robert, or ellis quhomesoever of the Presbytrie and sessioun; and also to pay ten poundis monie to thair commoun warkis; and last to come befoir the said Presbytrie to ask and crave God and them forgivnes' (*Ibid.*). At next meeting, two of the bailies offered that Arthour should satisfy 'according to the acknawligment of the inquyst;' but, as there was not a full attendance, the Presbytery continued the matter. On the 6th of November, 'comperit Mris. Dauid Russall and Duncan Balfour, bealyeis, offering William Arthour to satisfie, as of befoir, for his offence committit aganis Mr. Robert Wallace thair minister. The moderatour ansuerit them, in name of the Presbytrie, that they wer justlie offendit with the assyse, in that they had nocht punischit the said William civilie according to the heines of his offence, yit thankit the said magistratis for thair obedience and panis in the said mater, desyring the said balyeis to tak sum solide ordour, in case ony persoun sould presume to committ the lyk offence: quhilk the saidis magistratis promesit faithfully, and also that they wald crave the advyse and judgment of the said Presbytrie in settin doun of the said law.—The Presbytrie ordenis the said William Arthour, for his offence foirsaid, the space of ane quarter of ane yeire to mak his satisfactioun efter the maner of the adultereris; the first thrie weikis sittin at the kirk dore in sauckloth, betuix the secund and thrid bell, thairefter to pas to the penitent stoull; the rest of the weikis on the Sabboth to present [himself on] the penitent stuill in sackcloth, and the last to conpeir befoir the Provinciall Assemble in sackcloth, witnessing his trew and unfenyeit repentance: quhairunto the said William promesit obedience, craving only owersicht for the space of fourtein dayis, because he had to do with the Laird of Baluerie' (*Ibid.*).

[1] *Cofest* in MS.

Sonday, the first of October, 1598.

Supplication Shives.

Anent the supplication gevin in be James Shives, the sessioun hes thocht gud that the minister sall try his humiliation Sonday nixt, and thaireftir to mak report thairof to the Presbiterie, that he may have thair ansuer.[1]

Decreit contrar Gregour.[2]

The quhilk day, Alexander Winchister and William Lermonth, baillies, haveing complanit on Mr. Symeon Gregour[2] mercheand, alledgeing that the said Mr. Symeon said thai had done wrang, and if he had bene in Alexander Selkriggis place they suld have gottin na uther cautionar bot ane on frieman, quhilk the said Mr. Simeon confest; and this fell out upon occasioun of sum trubill betuix the said Alexander Selkrig and William Wilsoun mariner yisterday. In respect of the quhilk confession, the sessioun findis that Mr. Symeon Greg[2] is nocht capabill of ony office in the kirk for the yeir to cum.

Staige play inhibite.

The quhilk day, ane Jnglishman haveing desyrit libertie of the session to mak ane publik play in this citie, it wes voted and concludit that he suld nocht be permitted to do the samin.

Elderis and deacones.

It is ordinit that the elderis and deacones be lited and chosin this ouk following, that thai may accept thair offices on Sonday nixt for the yeir to cum.

Sonday, the viij of October, 1598.

The quhilk day, the personis following being chosin elderis and deaconis of this congregation for the yeir to cum, they acceptit the samin, and promittit to discharge the samin faithfullie according to thair habilitie, quhais names followes.

Maister George Glaidstanis, Mr. Dauid Lindesay, ministeris.

Elderis.

William Lermonth, apperand of Dairsy, Provest
Mr. Robert Maule, commissar
Mr. William Russell, bailye — Gawin Wemis of Vnthank
Mr. William Wemis, baillie — James Traill of Balcaithlie

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[1] 'October 12, [1598]. . . . The brithering ordenis James Scheweis adulterer to be receavit upon Sonday cum awcht dayis, and to compeir befoir the Presbytrie this day fyftein dayis' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

[2] *Sic.*

Duncan Balfour, baillie
Thomas Lentren, elder, baillie
Dauid Watson, Dene of Gild
James Leiche, Thesaurar
Alexander Winchister
William Lermonth, elder
Mr William Cok
Patrik Guthrie
Dauid Everie
James Hay of Kingask
Stephan Philp
Johne Brydie
Androw Welwod
Thomas Dikson
Andro Forrett
Androw Watson
Alexander Carstaris
William Ramsay.

Deacones. Deacones.

Jhone Knox
Patrik Muffatt
George Crystie
James Tailzour
John Mortoun
William Lentren
Andro Diksoun
Robert Williamson
Nicoll Mayne
Andro Carnwath
George Nairn, youngar
Androw Millar
John Carstaris
Thomas Dais
Walter Todrik
Johne Myles
Henry Wishart
Daniell Millar.

The quhilk day, it wes thocht expedient, for the better tryell of vice and punishing thairof within the boundis of this citie, that the samin salbe dividit in auchtene quarteris, and ane elder and deacon appointit for ilk quarter thairof as followis, viz. [The citie divided in auchtene quarteris.]

Fra the Eist Burn Wynd up to the West Burn Wynd: the Provest and Dauid Everie, elderis, George Nairn, youngar, deacon. 1

Fra the West Burn Wynd to the Blak Freiris: Johne Brydie, elder, Andro Milla[r] deacon. 2

Fra the Blak Freiris to the Port: Thomas Dikson, elder, John Carstaris, deacon. 3

Fra the Port out and in throught Argaill to Henry Smythes hous: Mr. William Cok, elder, Androw Diksoun, deacon. 4

Fra Henry Smythes hous to Logyis Wynd exclusive: Mr. Robert Maule and Stephan Philp, elderis, Jhone Knox, deacon. 5

Fra Logyis Wynd eist, including the Kirk Wynd and New Close, to Mr. William Wemis hous: Mr. William Wemis, elder, Thomas Deas, deacon. 6

7 Fra that to Patrik Hammiltonis hous, including the Baickhous Close, exclusive: William Lermonth and Alexander Winchister, elderis, Patrik Mofat, deacon.

8 Fra that to George Methvenis hous: Duncan Balfour, elder, George Crystie, deacon.

9 Fra George Methvenis up and doun the half of the Hukistar Wynd, and eist to Schir George Douglas hous: James Hay and Patrik Guthrie, elderis, Daniell Millar, deacon.

10 Fra the Mercat Gait Port, on the north syid, to the College Wynd: James Leiche, elder, James Tailzour, deacon.

11 Fra the College Wynd to Andro Adesonis hous inclusive: Mr. William Russell, elder, Robert Williamsoun, deacon.

12 Fra Jhone Law his hous to the Kirk Wynd: Alexander Carstaris and William Ramsay, elderis, Henry Wisheart, deacon.

13 Fra the Kirk Wynd to the Port: Androw Welwod, elder, Johne Morton, deacon.

14 Fra the North Gait Port eist to James Lentrenis: James Traill, elder, Nicoll Mayn, deacon.

15 Fra James Lentrenis hous to the Shoirhead: Thomas Lentren, elder, John Myles, deacon.

16 Fra Schir George Douglas hous doun the Hukistar Wynd to Johne Lawis hous, and fra Androw Adesonis hous on the north syid up and west the North Gait to William Lyellis hous: Dauid Watsoun, elder, William Lentren, deacon.

17 Fra that to the College Wynd including Jaksonis Clois: Andro Forret, elder, Andro Carnwath, deacon.

18 Fra the College Wynd, including Muttois Clois, inclusive to the Port: Androw Watsoun, elder, Walter Todrik, deacon.

Wedinsday, the xj of October, [160—deleted] 1598.

Anent the keiping of the session.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, the bretheren of the sessioun hes ordinit that the elderis and deaconis quhatsumevir being absent at the ringing of the bell sall pay xx d., and being absent the haill day fra the session to pay fourtie pennyis, on forgevin.

[Zoung] penaltie.

The quhilk day, Johne Zoung in Clatto for his ignorance is ordinit to pay xl s. to the puir, befoir he be proclamit.

Mr. Robert Zule to produce ane roll of the puir and thair almous upon Friday nixt, that conform thairto they may be payit, and in case of difficultie thairin to be reformit be visitation, and the collectouris of thair almous to compeir the morn at the ringing of the bell. Anent the pure.

Wedinsday, the xviij of October, 1598.

The quhilk day, Androw Anderson and Elizabeth Trumbill callit comperit, and being accusit confest fornication togidder, and offerit xl s. to the puir, and ar ordinit to mak repentance thairfoir. *Confessio* Anderson, Trumbill.

Robert Moreis tailyour callit comperit, and is admonist to intertynne his wyiff better heireftir nor in tyme bygane. [Moreis] admonist.

The quhilk day, Margaret Diplene callit comperit, and being accusit confest fornicatioun with James Small now in Kembak, quhilk is the thrid fornication for hir part. Thairfoir the bretheren requestis the magistratis to put hir to the knawlege of ane inquest, and to banishe hir this citie as ane vyle harlot. *Confessio* Diplene, Small.

The quhilk day, Effame Nory being callit comperit, and confest fornication with Duncan Balfour. She is ordanit to begin[1] hir repentance on Wedinsday nixt. *Confessio* Nory.

James Shives is ordinit to be resavit and absolvit fra repentans, for the adultrie with Gelis Smyth, upon Sonday nixt, conform to the ordinance of the Presbitery. Shivez to be absolvit.

Wedinsday, the xxv of October, 1598.

The quhilk day, the magistratis declarit that Margaret Diplene, as ane person nocht worthie to remane in this citie, wes put to the knawlege of ane inquest, and conform to thair ordinance wes banisit the boundis of this citie. Diplene banisit.

Jonet Bell *fornicatrix* with Androw Philp wes absolvit thairfoir upon Sonday last. Bell satisfeit.

The quhilk day, Dauid Carstaris in Lambelathin, for violating the Saboth day [by][2] his servandis leding corn thairupon, is ordanit to pay xx s., and to mak humiliation Sonday nixt. Decreit contrar Carstaris.

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[1] *Being* in MS.

[2] Omitted.

Sonday, the xxix of October, 1598.

[Shives, Andersoun, Trumbill] absolvit.

James shives fra[1] his adultrie, Androw Andersoun and Elizabeth Trumbill for[1] thair fornication, war resavit and absolvit.

Visitatioun of the seik.

Mr. Robert Zule is appointit to visie the seik this ouk.

Confessio Symsoun, Covstoun.

The quhilk day, George Symsoun, and Bessie Cowstoun callit comperit, and being accusit confest carnall copulatioun sen thai war contractit; and thairfoir ar ordinit to mak thair repentance the nixt Sabath, and to satisfie the civill penaltie, as fornicatouris, befoir thai be mareit.

Wedinsday, the first day of November, 1598.

Decreit contrar Gibson, Gilpatrick, Bruce, Dais.

The quhilk day, Duncan Gibsoun, for abusing of his wyiff and extraordinar drinking, James Gilpatrik, for blasphemous speiches uterit aganis God, and ungodlie behaviour usit to Thomas Duncan, ar ordanit to mak repentance, and the said James to pay vj s. viij d. to the puir; and Williame Dais wobstar, for blasphemie of Godis name, and refusing admonitioun thairfoir fra his deacon, is[2] ordinit to mak humiliation Sonday nixt; and James Bruce wobstar admonist to keip the kirk,[3] on the wark day in tyme of preching.

Wedinsday, the viij of November, 1598.

Decreit contrar Durie.

The quhilk day, Dauid Dury callit comperit and confest his drinking upon the Sabath day in tyme of preching, and thairfoir is ordinit to mak repentance Sonday nixt.

Anent the contributioun.

It is thocht meit that the magistratis be requestit to pas with the deaconis throught this citie the morn, for collecting of the contribution to the puir, fra sic neychtbouris as refuissis to gif the samin to the deacones, and to report thair diligence thairin upon Sonday nixt.

Anent preching and reparation of the kirk.

The quhilk day, it wes concludit that the preching be maid upon Friday nixt in the Auld College Kirk, in respect that the paroche kirk is nocht yit reparit; and, if the counsall con-

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[1] *Sic.* [2] *Ar* interlined over *is* deleted in MS. [3] *Kyrk* in MS.

cludes to repair the kirk befoir Sonday nixt, the preching to be maid thairin the said day.

Wedinsday, the xv of November, 1598.

Effame Norie *fornicatrix* with Duncan Balfour youngar wes absolvit on Sonday. Nory absolvit.

The quhilk day, Ninian Jhonstoun and George Dog being callit comperit, and confest thair fault in nocht keiping the kirk the tyme of preching on wark dayis, and hes promeist amendement. [Jhonstoun and Dog] admoneist.

Wedinsday, the xxij of November, 1598.

The quhilk day Jonet Husband fisher wyif for flyting with hir neychtbouris is ordinit to mak repentance Sonday nixt. [Jonet Husband.]

Wedinsday, the xxix of November, 1598.

The quhilk day Beatrix Methven comperit and being accusit confest fornication with James Jak tymmerman. She is ordinit to be imprissoned and to mak repentance. *Confessio* Methven, Jak.

The quhilk day, William Lermonth, fear of Dairsy, Provest of this citie, hes acceptit the office of eldership upon him; and hes maid fayth for dew discharge of his office thairin, according to his habilitie. Acceptation of eldership.

Wedinsday, the sext of December, 1598.

The quhilk day Jonet Pait comperit and confest fornication with Dauid Lentren son to Thomas Lentren. She is remittit till the said Dauid compeir. *Confessio* Pait, Lentren.

The quhilk day, it being dilatit that Elspot Selkrig wes with bairn to ane man of Covpar, [the sessioun][1] ordanis hir to pas to Coupar quhair the bairn wes gottin. *Confessio* Selkrig.

The quhilk day, Mr. William Cok and Alexander Carstaris ar ordinit to pas to the counsall of this citie, and to report Anent ten merk of the clerk fie fra the toun.

[1] Omitted.

thair ansuer anent the payment of the ten merkis to the clerk yeirly, quhilk thai payit of befoir to unquhile Charlis Watsoun as clerk of the session.

Decreit contrar Carno.

The quhilk day, Helene Carno, spous to Jhone Jnglis, for hir gryt aithis suorn, and abusing of the magistratis in thair awin presens, confest be hir selff, is ordinit to mak repentance upon Sonday nixt.

Wedinsday, the xx of December, 1598.

Confessio Lentren, Pait.

The quhilk day, Dauid Lentren, son to Thomas Lentren, being callit comperit, and being accusit confest his fornicatioun with Jonet Pait; and being fund nocht verie penitent for his sin, [the sessioun][1] ordanis him to keip the catechising for his better instruction, to abstene fra the lyik occasion, and to consigne ane pand that bayth sall satisfie discipline.

Admonist Jak and Storor.

The quhilk day, James Jak mariner and William Storour wricht callit comperit, and, being accusit for hanting of evill cumpany and drinking on tymouslie, confest the samin; and ar actitat, that if thai be fund in the lyik fault, to pay ilk man ten ℔b., and to mak publik repentance.

Confessio Freland.

The quhilk day William Freland callit comperit and confest fornicatioun with Margaret Law. He is ordinit to pay xl s. to the puir and to mak repentance.

Wedinsday, the thrid day of Januar, 1598.

Decreit contrar Downyis, Zoung.

The quhilk day, Jhon and Henry Downeis, and Jhon Zoung wrycht, for thair fechting and flyting to gidder, ar ordinit to mak repentance upon Sonday nixt.

Wedinsday, the tent of Januar, 1598.

Decreit contrar Zule and Seage.

Robert Zule maltman and James Seage in Argaill, for fechting and sclander gevin be thame, ar ordinit to mak repentance Sonday nixt.

Robertsonis and Riky referrit.

The quhilk day James and Thomas Robertsonis and Thomas Reky haveing trublit the toun in fechting, thai ar referrit to the magistratis.

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[1] Omitted.

Wedinsday, the xvij of Januar, 1598.

The quhilk day, Thomas Monipenny, tailyour, and William Kay, son to Charlis Kay smyth, callit comperit, and being accusit confest that thai had trublit the kirk the last Sabath day, in fechting togidder the tyme of preching; and thairfoir ar ordinit to mak repentance in sek claith, bear futtit and bair heidit, thrie Sabath dayis in the porche dur, betuix the secund and thrid bell, and thaireftir on the penitent stule; and remittis thame to be punist civilie be the magistratis. Decreit contrar Monipenny, Kay.

The excommunication of the Arthouris and of Mr. Patrik Lindesay, for the slauchter of unquhile James Smyth, to be intimat of new upon Sonday nixt.[1] Anent excommunication of the Arthures.

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[1] For the murder of James Smith see *supra*, p. 820, n. On the 22d of September, 1597, 'Mr. Hew Lindsay, compiring befoir the Presbitrie till excuis the absence of the four crewell murthereris off Jamis Smithe, delyverit unto sum off the brethrein, in faice off the haill Presbitrie, verie proud and bosting langage' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). These murderers had already been excommunicated, for, on the 20th of October, it was ordained 'that the moderator wryt to Dundie, to intimat to theme the excommunicatione of Mrs. Patric Arthour and Patric Lindsay, Hendrie and William Arthors' (*Ibid.*). On the 2d of February, 1597-8, 'Mr. George Glaidstainis with sum off his sessioun' were 'ordeinnit to try the repentance off the murthereris off Jamis Smithe, and to report again to the Presbitrie'; a week later, 'the bill givin in be the murderers of James Smyth' was 'fund to schew no takens of repentance'; and on the 16th Andrew Duncan, Robert Dury, John Carmichaell, John Dykis, with the ministers of St. Andrews, and David Mernis and Robert Zuill, were appointed commissioners to confer with the excommunicated murderers of James Smith; while on the same day Gladstanes and Zuill were 'ordanit to extract the process of the excommunicat murderers' (*Ibid.*). 'August 17 [1598] . . . Mr. Hew Lyndesay producit ane bill in name of Mr. Patrik, William [and] Henrie Arthouris, and Mr. Patrik Lyndesay, quhilk wes subscryvit be thair handis, desyring the brithering to recave thame. The brithering ordenit the said Mr. Hew to qualefie thir poyntis of thair bill, viz., that ther (*sic*) wer his Majesteis subjectis, that it is submittit to newtrallis, that the murthour wes noth of forethocht fellonie, with the treuth of thair repentance and behaviour sence the said murthour' (*Ibid.*). 'August last [1598] . . . Compeirit Mr. Hew Lyndesay to qualefie his bill givin in be him for recaving of the Arthouris. The Presbytrie ordenis him to give in his qualeficatioun in wrett, according to the ordinance of the Generall Assemble' (*Ibid.*). 'Februar 1, 1598 . . . Mr. John Schairpe producit ane bill, desyring ane testimoniall fra the Presbytrie, testefeing that the Arthouris, murthereris of James Smyth, wes lying under the sentence of excommunicatioun, and that they had noth approvin thair repentence to the Presbytrie; unto the quhilk petitionis the aggreit and ordenit ane testimoniall to be givin' (*Ibid.*). On the 10th of May 1599, 'concerning the bill gevin in be the

Wedinsday, the xxiiij of Januar, 1598.

Pait, xl s. to the puir.

The quhilk day, Jonet Pait, *fornicatrix* with Dauid Lentren, is ordanit to be wardit till she pay hir penaltie, and to mak furth hir repentans on Sonday nixt.

Decreit contrar Greg.

The quhilk day, Cristen Greg, spous to Alexander Selkrig, comperit and confest hir offence done to Daniell Millar deacon; and, at direction of the session, cravit him pardoun thairof, and promeist nevir to offend any member of the session undir the pane of publik repentance.

Wedinsday, the last of Januar, 1598.

Decreitt aganis Marion Adie and Jonet Baird.

The quhilk day, anent the complaintis *hinc inde* gevin in be Marion Adie aganis Jonet Baird, and be the said Jonet aganis the said Marioun Adie, for the filthie and sclanderous speiches uterit be ather of thame aganis utheris, the processis and probatioun deducit befoir the bretheren being be thame considderit, and thai warnit to heir decreit pronuncit thairanent; the said Jonet Baird is ordinit to mak hir repentance upon Sonday nixt, sittand upon ane high stule befoir the pultpeit[1], the tyme of preching, and to crave God mercie, the said Marion and the congregation forgivenis; and also ordinis the said Marion upon Sonday nixt to crave the said Jonet forgivenes, and the haill congregation, befoir the pupeit; and remittis thair civill punishment to the magistratis.

Confessio Horsburgh, Carstorphine.

The quhilk day, Jhone Horsburgh and Esther Jarden presenting thame selffis to be contractit in mariage to gidder, comperit Jonet Carstorphine and allegeit that thair is promeis

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Arthouris, the Presbyterie ordanis thame to qualify thir poyntis of thair bill, first, that thai ar his Majesties subjectis; 2, that thai ar sorowfull by offering satisfactioun to the pairtie: and that the uther pairtie be requyrit to preve that the slauchter wes nocht of accident, bot of sett purpos and foirthocht fellony, gif thai can' (*Ibid.*). A fortnight later, 'the Presbyterie ansueris to the bill of the Arthouris, that thai sie na repentance in the compleneris, bot ane manifest token of the contrair in thair bill, in extenuating of thair fact and nocht making confessioun of that quhilk is notourlie knowin unto all, viz., that that murther wes committit upoun profest feid and lying in wayte with foirthocht fellonie to that effect. Also it is verifeit to the Presbyterie that nather magistrate nor pairtie ar satisfeit, nor na reasonable satisfactioun offerit to the same' (*Ibid.*). [1] *Sic.*

of mariage maid be the said Jhone to hir, quhairupon carnall copulatioun procedit betuix thame; quhairupon the said Jhone being accusit grantit the copulation, bot denyit ony sic promeis preceding. [The sessioun][1] ordinis thame bayth to mak repentance, and the said John to pay xl s. to the puir.

Wedinsday, the vij of Februar, 1598.

Anent playeris the tyme of preaching.

The quhilk day, it is concludit, for keiping of guid ordour and pace in the kirk yard and streittis of this citie in tyme of preaching, bayth on Sabath and wark dayis, that the parentis and maisteris of the boyis and lassis (quha salbe fund sa doing[2] in kirk yard or streittis) salbe ansuerabill for thair faultis, and sall pay thairfoir as efferis, and this Act to be intimat on Sonday nixt.

Anent teaching in the College Kirk.

It is concludit that intimation be maid Sonday nixt that teaching salbe maid in the Auld College Kirk upon the Sabath day befoir and eftir nune.

Act in favouris of the clerk.

The quhilk day, it is concludit that Dauid Skinner, clerk to this sessioun, for his better recompanse of his service, sall have in tyme cuming tuelf d. of everie pund penaltie, togidder with the haill uther penalties of the absentis fra the sessioun, in tyme cuming; and if the said Dauid be fund and tryed to be remisse in his service and cairles thairof, in that case he to amit all benefeit thaireftir grantit to him be this present Act; and Mr. Robert Yule to give him ten pund quhilk the clerk gat of before.

Wedinsday, the xiiij day of Februar, 1598.

Anent the decayeid puir craftismen.

The quhilk day, the deacones of craft in this citie being convenit, and being desyrit to tak sum guid ordour for intertyneing of the eageit[3] and decayed puir of craft in the hospitall, they[4] have nominat to confer thairanent thame selffis and thair positor[5] for thair part, and Mr. George Glaidstanes, Mr. Robert Zule, Patrik Guthrie, James Traill,

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[1] Omitted.
[2] That is *playing*.
[3] Aged.
[4] *The* in MS.
[5] Boxmaster or treasurer.

Thomas Dikson, James Leiche, and Jhone Myles, for the sessioun; and to report thair diligence thairin Friday nixt.

Decreit contrar Fairfoule [and Moreis].

The quhilk day, Alexander Fairfoule cordaner is ordinit to pay vj s. viij d., and that for suffering his servandis wirk in his buith bayth on wark and Sabath dayis in tyme of preching; and William Moreis to pay xij d., for nocht cuming to the kirk at the hemnest bell. Alexander Orok wes admonist to keip the kirk better on the wark dayis nor he hes done of befoir.

Admonition [Orok].

Wedinsday, the xxj of Februar, 1598.

Anent the execution of the actis be the magistratis.

The quhilk day, it wes ordinit, in respect of the confusion hes bene heirtofoir in taking ordour with the decreittis of this session be the magistratis, ilk ane of thame being bund to thair awin particular quarteris, that ordour may be keipit heireftir, the Provest and baillies ar contentit fra this day furth ilk ane *per vices*, his weik about, to put in execution the ordinances of the sessioun, and put ordour to personis disobedient thairto, and for this first weik Mr. William Russell to begin that ordour.

[Kay, Pait, Methven,] absolvit.

William Kay, son to Charlis Kay, wes resavit upon Sonday last, for fechting in the kirk in tyme of preaching on the Saboth day; Jonet Pait and Beatrix Methuen also, for fornication.

Contract [Wilsoun, Hagy,] xl s.

Thomas Wilsoun and Elspot Hagy ar ordinit be the magistratis to pay xl s. to the puir, for thair ignorance; and to learn the Commandementis befoir thai be mareit.

Anent the maister to teache the pure

The quhilk day, the sessioun, for instructing the pure bairnis and remanent puir in the hospitall,[1] hes ordinit the instructar

[1] In Gordon's Plan of St. Andrews, drawn in 1642, 'the hospittall' is shown on the north side of what is known to have been the Grey Friars Garden, and outside of the North Street Port (*Bannatyne Miscellany*, iii. 324). On the 24th of July 1684, the kirk-session of St. Andrews, 'hearing by the conveener that the labourers of the Friers Yeard ar complaineing how they ar wronged by these who comes in throw the Hospitall laigh windows to their yaird spoyleing their gear, did therfore allow the said windows to be filled with stone and lymbe except so mutch light as may enlighten the hous' (*Register of St. Andrews Kirk Session*). There is further confirmation of the precise site of the Hospital. On the 5th of March, 1723, William Mair mason offered to build 'ane house at the North Gait Port wher the Hospitall stood, and pay some small yearly annuity and repair the North Gait Port' (*Minutes of St. Andrews Town Council*).

of thame to have yeirly for his panes fiftie tua merkis, viz., xiij s. iiij d. oukly; and for this quarter to cum hes chosin Johne Sourdye mercheand, quha sall begin on Moninday nixt, God willing, and hes maid solemne aith to do his dewitie, safar as lyis in his habilitie, in the pointis following, viz.—he sall teache the yong anes to reid and writt; he sall teache thame and the haill remanent the Lordis Prayer, the Beleif, Ten Commandementis and Catechize; and sall daylie reid the prayeris to the hospitall, morning and evening; and finalie he salbe obedient to all thingis, quhilk Mr. Robert Zule, maister of the hospitall, sall command him to do. in the hospitall and his fee, 52 [merkis.]

The quhilk day, Patrick Dempstartoun, for violating the Saboth day in byding fra the kirk wilfullie, is ordinit to mak repentance Sonday nixt, and to pay vj s. to the puir. Jonet Carstorphene, *fornicatrix* with Jhone Horsburgh, and for flyting, to mak repentance tua oukis; and hes payit xl s. to the puir. *Decretum* Dempstarton, Horsburgh.

The quhilk day, Gelis Smyth, adulteres with James Shives, to begin hir repentance in sek claith upon Sonday nixt; and fra thine furth to continew as she salbe injoyned. Smyth adulteres.

The quhilk day, Androw Zeman in North Gale, callit, comperit, and being accusit confest he had to do with Effame Orknay in harvest last wes, in the wind miln anes only, she being cumand fra the burn, he haveand ane wyiff onlyve. He is remittit to forder tryell. *Confessio adulterii* Zeman.

The quhilk day, Patrik Cuik flesher, being callit and accusit for drinking and fechting extraordinarlie, confest the samin. He is admonist nocht to behave him self in that maner heireftir. Cuik admonist.

Wedinsday, the last of Februar, 1598.

Mr. Robert Zule being directed to Jonet Baird, spous to James Alshonir, for sum support to the puire, in taikin of hir true repentance, quha gaif xxx s. to the puir; and James Traill and Mr. William Wemis ar ordinit to travell with Marion Adie, for hir support to the puir, in taikin of hir repentance. Baird and Adie to help the pure.

The quhilk day, comperit James Wemis of Lathoker and presentit ane Act of the Presbiterie of St. Androis, quhairof Anent Lathoker his repentance for slauchter.

the tenour followes: At St. Androis, the sevint day of September,[1] 1598. The quhilk day eftir incalling upon the name of God, the bretherene referris the form of the Laird of Lathokker his repentance, for the slauchter of unquhile Alexander Broun, to be injoyned to him be the sessioun of Sanctandrois, keipand alwayis the ordour and practise of the kirk in sik caissis. *Sic subscribitur*, Mr. Thomas Blak, at command of the Presbiterie.[2]

Synodall commissionar.

The quhilk day, James Leiche wes nominat and chosin commissionar to the Sinodall Assemblie, to be haldin at Covpar, Tyisday nixt.

Hay and Brog.

The quhilk day, Elene Hay and Bessie Brog, for flyting on the calsay, ar ordinit to mak repentance Sonday nixt.

Pure helpit and healed.

Item, Robert Zule, as thesaurar to the pure, is ordinit to gif his brother Charles Zule ten merkis, for healing of Margaret Lasonis leg; and to Thomas Richardson thrie lib., in compleit pament of his cure done in healing of Thomas Wilsonis head.

Clerk fee payit.

And to pay to Margret Blak, relict of unquhile Charlis Watson, fyve lib., as rest of his clerk fee the yeir preceding his deceis.

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[1] Should be *December*. See next note.

[2] 'August 10, [1598]. . . . Thair wes ane bill producit in the name of the Laird of Lathocker, schawing that he wes penitent and sorrowfull for the slauchter he had committ within the boundis of the Presbytrie of Cuper, desyring he micht be receavit agane in the bosome of the Kirk and micht be admittit to the communion. The Presbytrie ansuerit they culd give no ansuer, seing the Presbytrie of Cuper had enterit in that mater, and thairfore remittis him to said Presbytrie' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). On the 23d of November 'the Laird of Lathocker producit ane ordenance of the Presbytrie of Cuper, refairing the satisfactioun for the slauchter of Alexander Broun . . . to be maid in the kirk of S. Androis, for sindrie caussis'; on the 30th of November 'the brithering acceptis the refairance of the Presbytrie of Cuper concerning James Wemys of Lathocker his repentance, bot desyris Cuper Presbytrie to sett doun the forme thairoff'; while on the 7th of December 'the Presbytrie refairis the forme of the Laird of Lathockeris repentance to be set doun be the sessioun of S. Androis' (*Ibid.*). At this time Wemys figures in other cases, for, on the same 30th of November, 'compeirit the Laird of Lathocker, craving the Presbytreis judgment of the depositioun of Alesoun Peirce and what name they wald give it. Thair ansuer is that, give the depositioun be provin in all pointis, it is consulting and practising.' And on the 22d of the following February, 'Mr. Androw Duncan [minister of Crail] reportit that, according to the ordinance of the Presbytrie, he had tane Geillis Gray suspect of witchcraft, whome the Laird of Lathocker tuick from him and carreit hir to his place of Lathocker and thair torturit hir, whairby now scho is become impotent and may not labour for hir living as scho wes wont' (*Ibid.*).

Wedinsday, the vij of Marche, 1598.

It is ordinit, that publict intimatioun be maid Sonday nixt out of pulpeit, that nane of the pure of this citie be sufferit to beg on the streittis, or resave almous at the yettis or durris of the inhabitantis thairof, in respect thai ar utherwayis sufficientlie provydit, partl[ie] to the hospitall and pairtlie with ouklie almous furth of the session, for thair sustentatioun. The puir helpit; and beggin thairfoir dischargeit.

The quhilk day, it is ordinit that na almous be gevin or distributit heireftir, be na person nor personis, kynnisfolk or bairnis of defunct personis, the tyme of thair buriallis, to the puir of this citie; bot the samin salbe gevin to the thesaurar of the pure for the tyme, that the samin almous may be distributit, at the sicht of the elderis and deacones, to the pure of this citie with the rest of the pure almous. Almous dealing at buriallis dischargeit.

James Wemis of Lathoker began his repentance upon Sonday last wes, and is to be absolvit fra repentance Sonday nixt, for the slauchter of unquhile Alexander Broun committit be him. Lathokeris repentance begun.

Wedinsday, the xiiij of Marche, 1598.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, comperit Henry Moreis in Strakynnes being excommunicat, and gave in ane bill, confessing thairin he had committit adultrie with Jonet Campbell, and wes of purpos to have done the lyik with Alyson Anstruthir; desyring for God sake to be relaxt and relevit of that havy burding, justlie layed upon him for his vyle lyif and conversatioun. They have referrit thair ansuer to be gevin him this day aucht dayis. Anent Henry Moreis excommunicat.

James Wemis of Lathoker wes resavit and absolvit Sonday last. Lathoker absolvit.

Wedinsday, the xxj of Marche, 1598.

The quhilk day, Mr. George Glaidstanes and Mr. Dauid Lindesay ministeris, with the remanent bretheren, elderis and deacones of this sessioun, being all particularlie tryed and censurit anent thair discharge of thair callingis in lyfe and conversatioun, thair wes na fault nor eilest fund in nane of The bretheren censurit.

thame thairanent, in generall nor in particular. Prasit be God.

Anent the refusaris to communicat.

The quhilk day, the bretheren, for better preparing of the peipill to the communioun to be celebrat the nixt Saboth, God willing, hes ordinit all the feidis and eilestis amongis the neychtbouris of this citie to be tane away and aggreit, be the personis nominat to that effect;[1] and to report thair diligence thairin upon Friday nixt; and the refusaris to be reconciled to be warnit to the said day; and quhasoevir refusis and absentis thame selffis fra that holy tabill to be punist thairfoir conform to the actis; and thai that ar debarrit thairfra for laufull caussis to be punished accordingly; and to mak intimation Friday nixt that wilfull refusaris to communicat salbe excommunicat, conform to the actis of the Generall Assemblie.

Anent the tiquotis.

Item, that na tiquotis be gevin to sic personis as hes nocht payit thair pairt of the contribution to the puir, and to intimat the samin upon Friday.

Friday, the xxiij of Marche, 1598.

Anent the tyme and serving of the communion tabillis.

The quhilk day, the bretheren, upon guid motives and considerationes, thinkis guid that the Lordis Suppar be celebrat on tua severale Saboth dayis, and that it begin this nixt Saboth; and, for guid ordour to be keipit thairin, that thair be a just divisioun of the geving of the tiquotis to the pepill; and that intimation be maid out of pulpeit the morn eftir nune, that nane resort to the paroche kirk the nixt Saboth, bot sic as communicattis, bot to the Auld College Kirk; and that the half of the elderis and deacones serve the tabill the first Saboth, and the remanent the nixt Saboth.

Fast to be intimat.

To intimat the fast appointit to be the nixt tua Saboth dayis, and to begin on Sattirday nixt eftir suppar.

Mutatio anni.

Wedinsday, the xxviij of Marche, 1599.

Visitouris.

The quhilk day, the baillies ar requestit to caus thair officiaris *per vices* await on the visitouris ilk preching day,

[1] See Calderwood's *History*, 1678, pp. 803, 804.

for the better trying and punishing of refusaris to heir the Word.

Mercurii, quarto Aprilis, 1599.

The quhilk day, Elspot Mortoun, for causing hir servand thrash corn on the Saboth day, is ordinit to mak repentance Sonday nixt. Decreit Mortoun.

The quhilk day, Henry Moreis in Strakynnes comperit and confest his adultrie with Jonet Campbell, as of befoir, and his disobedience to the sessioun and disciplene, for the quhilk he wes excommunicat be Mr. Dauid Blak, sumtyme minister of this congregation; and humbly craves mercie of God, and submittis him self in the will of the session; quhome thai ordane to compeir to resave his injunctiones to repentans this day aucht dayis. *Confessio adulterii* Moreis, Campbell.

The vicar as thesaurar is ordinit to gif Robert Mvdy four lib., in compleit pament of his fee bygane, for instructing of the puir bairnis in the hospitall. Anent the puir schollaris.

Mercurii, xj Aprilis, 1599.

The quhilk day, James Month, portionar of Strakynnes, being accusit for stubburn ansueris gevin to the magistratis on the communion day, wes admonist to behave him self better in tyme cuming. Month admonist.

The quhilk day, William Norie, for trubling the towne on the Saboth day, is ordinit to mak repentance. Patrik Arthour, for playing and casting the hammer on the Saboth day, to mak repentans Sonday nixt. Decreit contrar Nory, Arthour.

The quhilk day, Elspott Wallis being callit comperit, and being accusit confest hir to be with bairn to William Storor wricht, quhilk the said William also confest. And thai ar ordinit to be imprissoned, and thaireftir to mak thair repentance; and ilk ane of thame to pay xl s. to the puir. *Confessio* Wallis, Storour.

The quhilk day, Jhone Kay and Jonet Blak callit comperit, and being accusit confest fornication to gidder. They ar committit [to][1] prisoun, and thaireftir to mak thair repentance. *Confessio* Kay, Blak.

[1] Omitted.

Confessio Wod.

The quhilk day, Beatrix Wod, servand to Mr. Dauid Methuen, callit comperit, and being accusit confest fornication with Gilbert Robertson notar, and that the bairn in hir womb wes gottin be him in the clerkis chalmer. She is committit to pressoun, and he to be warnit, and also the said Beatrix to pay xl s. to the pure.

Moreis adulterar his repentance.

The quhilk day, Henry Moreis, adulterar with Jonet Campbell, is ordinit to enter to his repentance Sonday nixt, and to stand in the porche dur with sackclothe, bear futtit and baire heiddit, betuix the secund bell till the text be red, and then to sit on the penitent stule; and sa furth ilk Saboth till the kirk be satisfeit: quhilk[1] he willinglie promittis to do, beseiking God to grant him mercy for his heynous and filthie lyiff.

Mercurii, xviij° Aprilis, 1599.

Contract Russell ignorant xl s.

The quhilk day, Archibald Russell, presenting him self to be contractit, and being ignorant of the Ten Commandis, is ordanit to pay xl s. to the pure, and to learn thame befoir he be mareit.

Confessio Robertsoun.

The quhilk day, Gilbert Robertsoun notar publict, servand to Johne Arnot commissar clerk, being callit comperit, and confest fornication with Beatrix Wod; and offeris him reddie to obey the will of the sessioun. He is ordanit to begin his repentance this day aucht dayis, and to pay iiij li. to the pure, quhilk he willinglie did.

Dilatio contra Winrhame.

The quhilk day, comperit Mr. Johne Winrhame, and, being accusit for intertyneing and halding of Agnes Greg in his hous with him self, sche haveing laitlie procreat ane bairn to him in fornicatioun, quhilk is maist sclanderous and suspitious, and thairby hes contravenit the Act maid aganis him thairanent of befoir, he confest the said Act, bot denyit the sclander. The sessioun ordanis him to compeir to heir the samin provin aganis him, quhen he salbe warnit thairto.

Bartane, Watsoun.

The quhilk day, Androw Bartane and Elspot Watsoun being callit and accusit for carnall copulatioun togidder, as thai had confest of befoir to Stephan Philp and Androw Diksoun, [the

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[1] *Quhill* in MS.

sessioun][1] ordanis thame to mak humiliatioun befoir thair mariage, and to pay xl s. to the pure.

Sonday, the xxij of Aprile, 1599.

The quhilk day the bretheren hes nominat and chosin Robert Williamsoun collectour to the puir contributioun for ane yeir to cum. Collectour of the puir contributioun.

The quhilk day, the bretheren, finding the syn of fornicatioun and huredum grytlie to incres in this citie and congregatioun, ordanit the haill sessioun to be warnit, that sum gude ordour may be takin and sett doun for remeid thairof, to eftir the preching eftir nune; and being convenit they all requestit the magistratis to put the Act of Parliament maid aganis fornicatouris to executioun; and that ilk fornicatour suld pay at leist iiij lib. in part of pament thairof,[2] utherwayis nocht to be relevit of imprissonment, and sa proportionalie to multiplie the samin according to thair factis. Anent punishing of huredome.

Wedinsday, the xxv of Aprile, 1599.

The quhilk day, Mr. Johne Winrhame, being summond to compeir and to heir witnes resavit for preving of the sclander dilatit aganis him, as relaps in fornication with Agnes Greg, comperit nocht. The bretheren resavit Jhone Wemis of Craigtoun, James Thomsoun tailyour, Thomas Diksoun and Androw Ferry, witnes, suorn and admittit; quha being examinat deponit as the proces bearis; and ordinit the said Mr. John to be warnit to this day viij dayis, to heir decreit pronuncit aganis him. *Suscitatio* Winrhame.

The quhilk day, Ninian Mauchane, Malcolme Millar, Thomas Andersoun, Androw Chaplane kard,[3] and Adame Broun, for vagand in tyme of sermone on the Sabath day, ar ordinit be the magistratis to be wardit thrie houris; and, if thai be fund in that faut heireftir, to be censurit and punished with all rigour. Broun and his colligis admonist.

[1] Omitted.

[2] *At leist* is repeated after *thairof*.

[3] A gipsy, travelling tinker, or sturdy beggar.

Pure helpit.

Dauid Peblis, puir and onhabill to wirk, to get xxx d. oukly for his support.

Confessio Smyth, Dewar.

The quhilk day, Jonet Smyth being callit comperit, and confest fornication, and to be with bairn to Jhone Dewar in Denheid. She is committit to pressoun, and to begin hir repentance this day viij dayis; and the said Johne to be warnit to the said day.

Robertson and Wallis absolvit.

Gilbert Robertsoun, fornicatour with Beatrix Wod, and Elspot Wallis, *fornicatrix* with William Storour, wer resavit on Sonday last.

Secundo Maii, 1599.

Confessio Dewar.

The quhilk [day],[1] Jhone Dewar[2] in Denheid callit comperit, and being accusit confest fornication with Jonet Smyth. He is committit to pressoun.

Anent the pure.

The quhilk day, Mr. Robert Zule, as present thesaurar to the pure, is ordinit to pay viij ℔. vj s. viij d. to Androw Watsoun mercheand, debursit be him to the puir of befoir.

Decreit Winrhame, Greg.

The quhilk day, the bretheren, eftir tryell of the sclander dilatit aganis Mr. Johne Winrhame be the proces led thairanent, finds the samin provin; and that he hes contravenit the Act maid with his awin consent, in hanting and keiping of Agnes Greg in his hous in suspitious maner, she being his harlot, and nocht sensyne removit fra his societie; and thairfoir ordinis him to be heir this day aucht dayis, to resave his injunctiones to that effect, for making of repentance; quhilk Act wes maid the xxvj of Aprile 1598. The said Mr. Johne comperand appealit fra thair decreit to the Presbiterie, befoir quhome he wes chargeit to compeir the nixt ordinar Presbiterie day.[3]

Appellatio.

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[1] Omitted. [2] Interlined over *Smyth* deleted.

[3] 'Maii 17, [1599.] . . . Ordanis the sessioun of St. Androis to produce thair proces aganis Mr. Johne Vynrame the nixt Thurisday' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). 'Maii 24, . . . the proces of the sessioun of St. Androis aganis Mr. Johne Vynram being producit and found laufull, the Presbyterie ordanis the said Mr. Johne to satisfie the sessioun' (*Ibid.*). This culprit was the second son of Mr. Robert Wynrhame of Ratho (*Register of Great Seal*, vol. v. Nos. 462, 1159, 2073).

Sonday, the vj of Maii, 1599.

The quhilk day, Jonet Smyth, *fornicatrix* with Johne Dewar, and Androw Cuik, war resavit and absolvit. Smyth and Cuik absolvit.

The quhilk day, James Broun coupar and Alexander Zoungis wyiff, he for being vagand on the Saboth in tyme of preching, and she for selling of aill on Sonday the tyme of preching, [are ordanit][1] to mak humiliatioun Sonday nixt. Decreit Broun.

The quhilk day, Mr. George Sibbald, being callit to ansuer to the complaint of Marion Watsoun aganis him, for upbringing of his bairn born be hir in fornication to him, comperit, and allegeit the session nocht to be judges competent in that mater, bot aucht to be remittit to the civile magistrat. The bretheren, haveing considderit the said complant, and that the said Marion socht na pecuniall sowme nor dett, bot that he suld be urgeit to perform the vow maid be him in presenting his bairn to baptizme, for upbringing of the samin in the feir of God, findis thame selfis judges thairanent; and ordinit the said Mr. George to tak his said bairn, and to bring up the samin as he hes alredie vowed and promist; and that *primo quoque tempore*, under the pane of publik censures. Act aganis Mr. George Sibbald.

Wedinsday, the ix of Maii, [160—deleted] 1599.

The quhilk day, it is ordinit that na inhabitant of this citie sall resave any cariage nor leidis, inbrocht upon the Saboth day, quhill the baillie of thair quarter be advertesit be the resaver thairof, that the inbringar may be punist civilie and be the kirk also; and if the baillie of the quarter be nocht advertesit be the resaver, as said is, he to be punished as is said of the inbringar; and this to be intimat Sonday nixt. For staying of careage on the Saboth.

Friday, the xj of Maii, 1599.

The quhilk day, Dauid Esplene being callit comperit, and being accusit confest the injurious wordis gevin be him to Johne Welwod; and for his fault submittis him self to disciplene, and hes cravit the said Jhone forgivenes. *Confessio* Esplene.

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[1] Omitted.

Act Staig and his wyiff.

The quhilk day, comperit William Staig baxter and his wyiff, and being accusit confest thair ungodlie behaviour to utheris; and thairfoir ar becum actitat that if thai be fund in the lyik fault heireftir, or trubilsum to thair neychtbouris, that thai salbe punished thairfoir in hiest measure.

Anent John Smyth.

The quhilk day, Johne Smyth elder being accusit for striking of his wyiff and bairnis in sclanderous maner, it being verifeit aganis [him, the sessioun][1] ordanis the formar actis maid aganis him thairanent to be luikit out, and put to executioun aganis him.

Jonet Kenlowy actitat.

The quhilk day, Jonet Kenlowie, spous to William Duncanson baxter, is ordinit to crave God and hir spous and the session forgivenes, for hir evill tung, and flytting with hir neychtbouris; and to pay xx s. to the pure; and is becum actit, that if she be fund in the lyik fault heireftir, to mak publik repentance with civill amendement as efferis.

Sonday, the xiij of Maii, 1599.

Wod absolvit.

Beatrix Wod, *fornicatrix* with Gilbert Robertsoun, and Alexander Yonges wyif, for selling of aill on the Saboth day in tyme of sermones, war resavit and absolvit.

Wedinsday, the xvj of Maii, 1599.

Contract, ignorant, xx s.

Jhone Balfour in Ladedie, presenting him self to be contractit and being fund ignorant of the Ten Commandis, is ordinit to pay xx s. to the pure, and to learn thame befoir his mariage.

Confessio Smyth, Tailzour.

The quhilk day, Margaret Tailzour comperit and being accusit confest hir to be with bairn to William [Smyth],[1] quhilk he also confest. They ar baith committit to pressoun.

Pure helpit.

Helene Read, in John Carstaris quarter, being pure and seik, is ordinit to resave iiij s. ouklie for hir support.

Wedinsday, the xxiij of Maii, 1599.

The quhilk day, comperit Dauid Guidlaid and Jsobell

[1] Omitted.

Dangzell, and being accusit confest fornicatioun to gidder, and submittit thame selffis in the will of the sessioun; hes satisfeit thair penaltie, and to begin thair repentance this day viij dayis. *Confessio* Guidlaid, Dangzell.

The quhilk day, Margaret Murray and Elspot Millar blechearis comperit, and, being accusit for wirking thair claith on the Saboth day, confest the samin, and ar admonist to desist in tyme cuming. Blechearis admonist.

Sonday, the xxvij of Maii, [16—deleted] 1599.

The quhilk day, Henrie Moreis in Strakynnes, in respect of his repentance and satisfeing disciplene, wes resavit and absolvit fra the proces of excommunication intendit aganis him.[1] Moreis absolvit.

The magistratis ar desyrit to execute the Act of Parliament maid anent fornicatouris, and in speciall aganis Margret Tailzour, *fornicatrix* with William Smyth. Anent Margret Tailzour.

The quhilk day, comperit Archibald Wemis and Elspot Lowsoun, and being accusit confest fornication to gidder. They ar ordinit to satisfie the civill penaltie, viz., ilk ane of thame four l̄b. in compositioun thairof, and to begin thair repentance on Wedinsday. *Confessio* Wemis, Lowsoun.

The quhilk day, Alexander Winchister, son to Dauid Winchister, comperit and confest fornication with Katherene Murray. He is ordanit to satisfie iiij l̄b. for his penaltie, and to begin his repentance Wedinsday nixt. Comperit the said Katheren and confest the samin, and is committit to pressoun. *Confessio* Winchister. Murray.

Wedinsday, the penult of Maii, 1599.

The quhilk day, anent the appellation maid be Mr. John Winrhame to the Presbiterie, quha haveing considderit the samin, the said Mr. John wes remittit to the sessioun; quha, as of befoir, ordinis him as relaps in fornicatioun to mak repentance, and to separat him fra the societie of Agnes Greg his Winrhame and Greg.

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[1] On the 17th of May 1599, the Presbytery 'ordanis the ministeris of St. Androis to absolve Henrie Moreis fra the sentence of excommunicatioun, and thairefter [he] to satisfie for his adulterie' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

harlot, undir the pane of excommunicatioun, within xxiiij houres. The said Mr. John present allegeit he suld nocht obey the said sentence, seing he is bot anes convict for fornication in deid. Seing this question is rair, the samin to be advysit with the Presbitery, and the said Mr. Johne ressonis to purge him self of relaps, the harlot abyding in his hous and hanting his cumpany. He is ordanit to compeir on Friday, and resave ane ansuer.[1]

Anent staying of dansing in Raderny on Trinitie Sonday.

The quhilk day, the bretheren being informit that thair hes bene yeirly upon Trinitie Sonday, in Raderny, ane evill custume of pyping dansing drinking and misordour, ffor repressing quhairof it is ordanit that Robert Nairn pas upon the samin day to Raderny, and command the fewaris thairof, in the name of God and sessioun, that thai suffer nocht the lyik ryot and prophanation of the Saboth to be usit, bot that thai stay the samin, with certification if thai do in the contrar they salbe punished thairfoir.

Sonday, the 3 of Junii, 1599.

Dewar and Smyth resavit.

The quhilk day Johne Dewar and William Smyth war resavit and absolvit this day fra the penitent stule as fornicatouris.

Confessio Guidlaid. Satisfeit.

The quhilk day, comperit Dauid Guidlaid and confest his misbehaviour towardis Mr. William Russell baillie, and thairfoir submittit him self in the will of the sessioun; quha ordinit him to crave the said Mr. William forgivenes, quhilk he presentlie did, and is to be absolvit fra his fornication upon Sonday nixt.

Wedinsday, the sext of Junii, 1599.

Comperit Mr. Dauid Ruthirfurde, quha, being accusit for

[1] '*Maii ultimo* [1599] . . . Anent ane questioun proponit be the ministerie of Sanctandrois, in quhat maneir Mr. Johne Vynrame—convict for breking of ane Act of the sessioun maid against him, forbidding him to haif suspicious companie with Agnes Greig, with certificatioun, gif he did, it suld be haldin as relapse fornicatioun (quhairin he is convict as the proces producit be the said sessioun beiris)—suld satisfie; viz., gif all the dayis that uther relapse dois, quha ar convict *aut per confessionem aut probationem facti:* the Presbyterie ansueris that the said Mr. Johne sall satisfie ane Sabboth day in the commoun place of repentance, for disobedience to God and the kirk, and giving just occasioun of sclander and offence' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

hanting the cumpany of Mr. Patrik Lindesay, Mr. Patrik and William Arthures, excommunicat personis, confest the samin; bot he had liberty grantit to that effect be the sessioun, for doing his lesum bissines. He is ordinit to abstene thairfra heirefter, and to hant with nane of thame in ony publik place, quhill thai be relaxt, and that undir the pane contenit in the Act of the Generall Assemblie maid thairanent. Rutherfurde admonist anent the Arthouris, &c.

Comperit Margaret Carstaris and Bessie Cristell, and being accusit confest thair dansing and ryot on the last Saboth; and thairfoir [the sessioun][2] ordanis thame to mak repentance Sonday nixt befoir the pulpeit. *Confessio* Carstaris, Cristell.[1]

Jhone Kincaid and Marion Jarves in Raderny being accusit for dansing on the Saboth day, they promittit to abstene thairfra heireftir, and specialie on Trinity Sonday. [Kincaid and Jarves] admonist.

The quhilk day, Dauid Wemis in Raderny, being callit and accusit for braking the Act of sessioun in allowing the dansing drinking and ryot usit in the towne of Raderny on Trinitie Sonday last, ansuerit that custoume wes keipit in Raderny or ony in the sessioun wes borne, and albeit the session had send sum of thair number for staying thairof to Raderny, yit had he and his cumpany bene als mony and als habill, they suld have gottin a meitting, and that he wes nocht in the kirk that day, nather saw that dansing evir stayit befoir. He is ordinit to be imprissoned in the stipill, till he find cautioun to compeir on Sonday and mak repentance for his fault. Decreit contrar Wemis in Raderny.

The haill fewaris of Raderny to be warnit to Wedinsday nixt, and that nane in the boundis of Raderny get ony benefeit in this kirk, except the offendaris satisfie the kirk. Anent Raderny.

The session ordinis the minister and vicar to pas to James Hay and the Laird of Nauchten, and admoneis thame that thai and thair famileis resort to this kirk as thair ordinar kirk. [James Hay and the Laird of Nauchten] admonist to keip the kirk.

Sonday, the tent of Junii, 1599.

Dauid Guidlaid, for his fornicatioun, and Mr. Johne Winrhame, as relaps in fornicatioun, Margaret Carstaris and Bessie Cristell, for prophaning of the Saboth day, war all resavit and absolvit. Winrhame, Guidlaid, &c., absolvit.

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[1] *Jarves* in MS.

[2] Omitted.

Wedinsday, the xiij of Junii, 1599.

Decreit and Act contrar Wemis.

The quhilk day, Dauid Wemis, colyear in Raderny, being callit comperit, and confest his fault in dansing and prophanatioun of the Saboth day and his allowing thairof; and submittis him self in the will of the session. He is ordanit to mak repentance Sonday nixt befoir the pulpeit; and is becum bund with his awin consent, that if he be fund with the lyik fault heireftir, to pay ten lib. to the puir.

Pure helpit.

Bessie Lundy, spous to Androw Baverage, upon hir supplicatioun is ordinit to gett xx s. for hir support.

Confessio Kay, Blak.

The quhilk day comperit Jhone Kay and confest fornication with Jonet Blak. He is committit to pressoun and she to be warnit.

Lathoker his contract.

The quhilk day, Mr. James Wemis, fear of Lathoker, and Helene Wod, lauchfull dochter of unquhile James Wod of Lambelathem, ar contractit in mariage to gidder.

Sonday, the xvij of Junii, 1599.

Story, Lowson, Dangzell, Wemis, resavit.

The quhilk day, William Storie, Elspot Lowsoun, and Jsobell Dangzell, fornicatouris, and Dauid Wemis in Raderny, for prophanatioun of the Saboth day, war resavit and absolvit.

Wedinsday, the xx of Junii, 1599.

Lermonth admonist.

The quhilk day, Jhon Lermonth smyth callit comperit, and being accusit confest he wrocht in his buith this day in tyme of preaching, and submittis him self thairfoir to the will of the sessioun, and promittis nevir to do the lyik heirefter, bot sall keip the kirk better heirefter, bayth on the wark and Saboth dayis. He wes admonist sa to do with certificatioun.

Alexander Ferry actit. Decreit contrar Craig.

The quhilk day, James Craig, servand to Alexander Ferry tailyour, being callit confest his wirking this day in tyme of preaching, bot at his maisteris command. And the said Alexander present confest the samin, and that upon necessitie; and the said Alexander becumis bund of his awin consent to pay xl s. to the pure, if he or ony of his servandis be fund with the lyik fault heireftir, ather on the wark or Saboth dayis. And

the said James Craig for his fault is ordinit to mak humiliation Sonday nixt.

Comperit George Wilsoun in Raderny, and is bund to ansuer for him self and his familie and cottaris, for keiping the kirk on the Saboth day. Wilson actit.

William Dais smyth being callit comperit, and confest his wirking this day the tyme of preching, and is becum bund to pay xl s. to the pure, if evir he or his servandis be fund in the lyik fault heireftir. Dais smyth actit.

Jhone Carstaris maltman is nominat and chosin thesaurar to the puir for ane quarter of a yeir nixttocum. Thesaurar chosin.

Helene Fairfoule comperit, and confest she keipit cumpany with James Ottershank and sauld aill to him, upon Sonday wes aucht dayis in tyme of preaching, and thairfoir is ordinit to mak humiliation upon Sonday nixt. *Decretum* Fairfoule.

Wedinsday, the xxvij of Junii, 1599.

The quhilk day, Jhon Kar comperit, and confest his travelling on the Saboth day with his pak, and thairfoir is ordanit to pay xl d. to the puir, and to mak humiliation Sonday nixt, and if he be fund in the lyik fault to be punished to the rigour. Kar decernit.

The quhilk day, William Saith tailyour being callit comperit, and confest his fault in wirking on the wark days in tymes of preching, and submittis him self thairfoir to the bretheren, with promeis that he sall nevir committ the lyik fault. He is admonist that if he be sa fund to pay xl s. to the pure. Saith actit, admonist.

The quhilk day, comperit Johne Kendlowye, and being accusit confest fornicatioun with Helene Jamesoun, and hes offerit iiij ℔. for his penalty. He is ordanit to begin his repentance Wedinsday nixt. *Confessio* Kenlowy.

The quhilk day, James Ottirshank being callit comperit, and confest that he had brokin the Saboth day, in drinking with Helene Fairfoule the haill tyme of preaching; and thairfoir is decernit to mak humiliation upon Sonday nixt, and to pay vj s. viij d. to the pure; and that it be intimat to him that this punishment salbe without prejudice of grytter to be inflictit Decreit contrar Fairfoule, Ottirshank.

upon thame, if fornication be tryit betuix thame; and is admonist to desist fra hir cumpany; and if he resort to hir heirefter, the samin fornication salbe haldin *pro confesso.*

Ane fast to be celebrat.

The quhilk day, the bretheren, upon certane gude considerationes, hes appointit ane fast to be celebrat during the haill Saboth dayis, in the monethis of Julii and August nixt, and the samin to begin upon Sattirday nixt with preaching and fasting eftir nune.

Confessio Balfour.

Comperit Johne Balfour in Ladeddie, and being accusit confest fornicatioun with his wyiff befoir thair mariage, and thairfoir is ordanit to mak humiliation Sonday nixt, and to pay xx s. to the puir.

Pure, Ednam helpit.

William Ednam, being hurt in his bodie, is appointit to resave support according to his present necessitie, be the tryell of the vicar, Johne Myles and Walter Todrik; and William Watson is desyrit to continew in curing of him, for the quhilk he salbe satisfeit.

Wedinsday, the fourt of Julii, 1599.

Perth admonist.

The quhilk day, Besse Perth, for prophaning of the Saboth day, is ordinit to mak humiliation Sonday nixt, and to be admonist thairfoir, &c.

Decreit contrar Bouy.

The quhilk day, Jhone Bouy cuik, for his oft violating of the Saboth day, and uther enormiteis committit be him, is ordinit to be declarit, out of pulpeit Sonday nixt, ane person nocht worthie of Christian societie.

Pure helpit.

Margaret Fowellis to receave ij s. ouklie, and Margret Williamson to have tua s. ouklie of augmentatioun during hir seiknes.

[Ottershank and Kar] absolvit.

James Ottershank and Jhone Kar chepman war resavit on Sonday last wes[1] for fornication committit be the said James with Helene Jak.

Sonday, the viij of Julii, 1599.

The quhilk day, Helene Fairfoule and Bessie Perthe, for

[1] The remainder has been added. Kar's offence was travelling on Sabbath.

violating the Saboth day, and Jhone Kay, for fornicatioun, war resavit and absolvit upon Sonday last wes. [Fairfoule, Perthe and Kay] absolvit.

Wedinsday, the xj day of Julii, 1599.

The quhilk day, Henry Jafra, Jhone Blak, and Henry Scott, in Raderny, present, ar admonist that thai and thair famileis keip the kirk better on the Saboth day, nor thai war wont to do, and specialie the Trinitie Sonday, quhilk day they war in use to abuse in dansing and drinking; quha hes promeist nevir to suffer the lyik abuse to be committit be thame selffis, nor na utheris quhome thai may lat.[1] Raderny tenentis admonist.

Item, becaus thair is ane gryt number of the inhabitantis of this citie, quha hes willingly offerit contribution to the puir, and ane great number quha hes nocht offerit the samin, thairfoir it is thocht expedient that Mr. George Gladstanes, the vicar, and Mr. William Cok, or ony tua of thame, desyre the magistrattis in judgement to nominat and chuse stentouris upon thame quha hes nocht offerit; and that intimatioun be maid this nixt Saboth day, that thai quha hes offerit and nocht payit may cum on Moninday, at the ringing of the bell, and delyver the samin to the thesaurar. Anent the contribution to the pure.

The quhilk day, the bretheren appointis and commandis Robert Nairn to hauld the bairnes and utheris fra the kirk durris and kirk yard, upon the Saboth dayis, in tyme of divyne service. Anent keiping of the kirk yard.

Wedinsday, the xviij of Julii, 1599.

The quhilk day, the sessioun appointis Mr. Dauid Lindesay, Mr. William Cok and George Nairn, or ony tua of thame, to pas upon Friday to the magistratis, and desyir thame to sett stentouris upon thame quha hes nocht offerit willingly to the pure thair contributioun. Anent the contributioun.

Wedinsday, the xxv of Julii, 1599.

The quhilk day Gelis Smyth, adultrix with James Shivez, is Smyth adultrix.

[1] Hinder.

ordinit to begin hir repentance in sackclothe upon Sonday nixt, and to continew thairin quhill the kirk be satisfeit.

Wedinsday, the first day of August, 1599.

Anent Dauid Broun, Williame Ednam.

The quhilk day, Dauid Broun in Coupar being chargeit to compeir this day be Mr. Adame Michell minister, to ansuer for his sclander in shedding of William Ednam his blude, comperit James Philp; and declarit that the said Dauid wald compeir this day aucht dayis, if the sessioun wald request the magistratis that he mycht return without trubill or warding. The magistratis being present promittit that he sall have *tutum accessum et recessum.*

Wedinsday, the viij of August, 1599.

Anent William Arthour excommunicat.

The quhilk day, Jhon Gray smyth, Patrik Arthour baxter, and William Geddie, being accusit for hanting and drinking with William Arthour, being excommunicat; the said Jhon denyit the samin, and the rest confest the samin, and hes promeist nocht to do the lyik heireftir, without licence grantit to that effect be minister or sessioun.

Decreit contrar Gilruithe.

The quhilk day, comperit Dauid Gilruithe, and confest the shedding of Jhon Readis blude, in braking of his face. He is ordanit thairfoir to mak repentance upon Sonday nixt, and to sit upon ane stule befoir the pulpeit in tyme of preaching befoir nune, and to crave God and the congregation forgivenes.

Wedinsday, the xv of August, 1599.

Decreit contrar Hammiltoun.

The quhilk day, Robert Hammiltoun, son to Patrik Hammiltoun, callit comperit, and being accusit for minassing and bosting of Walter Todrik, being ane deacon of this kirk, confest the samin, and submittis him self to the will of the session, quha ordinit him to crave the said Walter in speciall and the haill sessioun forgivenes, quhilk he humblie presently did.

Confessio adulterii Shiphird, Coupar.[2]

The quhilk day, comperit Jonet Shiphird in Raderny and confest adultrie with Johne Coupar in Lalhalland[1] haveand

[1] *Sic.* [2] *Bruce* in MS.

Jonet Bruce his wyiff onlyve, be procreatioun of ane bairn. She is ordinit to compeir befoir the Presbitery the morn to resave hir injunctiones to repentance.[1]

Wedinsday, the xxij of August, 1599.

The quhilk day—in the caus of injures persewit be Jhone Anstruthir of that ilk, and Dame Margaret Lermonth his spous, aganis Alexander Monipenny of Kinkell, in terme statut to preif thair bill producit—befoir forder proces Jhon Roule, procurator for the persewaris, desyrit the defendaris declaration to be tane thairintill; and, becaus he allegeis him nocht habill to travell, [the sessioun][2] ordinis the vicar, Mr. William Wemis, and Patrik Mwffatt, to resave his declaration thairupon. *Citatio* Kinkell, Anstruthir.

The quhilk day, the officiar of this sessioun is ordinit to pas ilk Thurisday eftir the sessioun to the clerk, and require fra him ane minut of all thingis referrit to the nixt sessioun day, bayth to the magistratis, and citatioun, that the samin may be execute in dew tyme; with certification, to the officiar if he omit the samin, and to the clerk if he refuis to obey being sua requyrit, that the dissobeyar sall be deposit fra his office. Act anent the clerk and officiar.

Wedinsday, the xxix of August, 1599.

The quhilk day comperit Dauid Winchister son to Alex-

[1] 'August 16, 1599. . . . Comperit Jonet Schippard and confessit adulterie with Johne Cowper, servand to the Laird of Lathalland, within the parroche of Kilconquhar, offering hir selff in the will of the Kirk for hir offence, and desyring baptisme to hir bairn in respect of his weaknes. The Presbitery ordanis the ministeris of Sanctandrois, upon hir offer and interes [*i.e.* entry] to repentance with cautioun fund for continewance thairin, to baptize the bairn; and Mr. Alexander Forsyth to adverteis Mr. Johne Ruthirfuird to summond the said Johnne Couper to compeir befoir the session of St. Androis thair first ordinar day' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). 'August 30, 1599. . . . Maister Johnne Ruthirfuird reportis Johnne Cowper, servand to the Laird of Lathalland, refuissis to obey him in reparing to the session of St. Androis, according to the ordinance of the Presbiterie. He is ordanit to proceid aganis him with publik admonitioun *pro primo*' (*Ibid.*). 'September vj°. 1599. . . . The quhilk day comperit Johnne Cowper, servand to the Laird of Lathalland, and confessit adultrie committit be him with Jonet Schiphird, quha, being hevelie rebuikit for his formar disobedience, wes chargeit *apud acta* be the moderatour to compeir befoir the sessioun of St. Androis thair nixt ordinar day, quhilk he promeist to obey' (*Ibid.*).

[2] Omitted.

Confessio Winchister.

ander Winchister and confest fornicatioun with Marioun Stevinsoun. He warnit *apud acta*, and she to be warnit to be heir this day aucht dayis.

Anent the healing of William Ednam.

The quhilk day, Patrik Guthrie, George Nairn and Johne Carstaris, ar nominat to aggrie with William Watsoun chirurgian, for curing of William Ednam of the hurt he hes resavit of Dauid Broun in Coupar, and to report thair diligence thairin.

Sonday, the secund of September, 1599.

Confessio Shives, Moreis. Admonist.

The quhilk day, Jhon Shives, sumtyme portionar of Byrehillis, callit comperit and being accusit of sclander with Jonet Moreis, spous to Robert Allane, dilatit be brut of thair neychtbouris in the Burn Wynd, and partly knawin to the said Robert, quha saw him kis his said spous and reprehendit thame thairfoir, quhilk the said Jonet confest; and thairfoir thai war admonist nocht to committ the lyik heireftir, and to abstene fra utheris societie; with certificatioun, thair hanting to gidder being tryed they salbe haldin as adulteraris, and punished accordinglie.

Wedinsday, the fyft of September, 1599.

Anstruthir contrar Kinkell.

The bretheren, being advysit with the proces persewit be the Laird of Anstruthir and his Lady aganis the Laird of Kinkell, [finds him][1] worthie of censuring; and thairfoir ordinis him to be warnit to hier decreit pronuncit thairin upon Wedinsday nixt, with certificatioun, &c.

Carstaris, Zule, contractit.

The quhilk day, the haill difficulteis resultand aganis the mariage of James Carstaris with Cristen Zule being resolvit, they ar contractit togidder; and all thingis betuix Alexander Carstaris his uncle and him is submittit to freindis *hinc inde*.

Confessio Stevinsoun.

Comperit Marioun Stevinsoun and confest fornication with Dauid Winchister. They ar bayth committit to pressoun quhill thai satisfie conform to the ordour.

Wedinsday, the xij of September, 1599.

The quhilk day, Jhone Kendlowy callit comperit and confest

[1] Omitted.

fornicatioun with Helene Jamesoun, and hes payit iiij ℔. for his civill penaltie, and is ordinit to begin his repentance this day aucht dayis, and the said Helene to be warnit literallie. *Confessio* Kenlowy.

The quhilk day Alexander Monipenny of Kinkell being callit comperit nocht. It is fund manifest be his awin confession, subscryvit with his hand, that he hes offendit the Laird of Anstruthir and his Lady as thair bill beares; and thairfoir ordinis the said Alexander to crave God mercie upon Sonday nixt befoir the pulpeit, and to crave the pairty forgivenes in that place quhair thai war offendit, viz., on the hie streit of St. Androis. Decreit contrar Kinkell.

Comperit Alexander Winchister and payit four ℔b. for his sones penaltie, desyring the magistratis to punishe him according to the ordour of fornicatouris. Winchister, iiij ℔.

The quhilk day, comperit Bessie Watsoun and confest hir fornicatioun with Mr. Johne Elphingistoun, and that thair is promeis of mariage maid be thame *hinc inde.* *Confessio* Watsoun.

Sonday, the xvj of September, 1599.

The quhilk day, comperit Jsobell Dauidsoun, *fornicatrix* with unquhile James Martyne of Lathones, and as[1] she hes nocht maid repentance thairfoir, as she confest, she is ordinit to begin hir repentance upon Wedinsday nixt, and hes offerit v ℔. vj s. viij d. to the puir. *Confessio* Dauidsoun, Martyne of Lathones.

The quhilk day, comperit Jhone Coupar in Lathalland and confest his adultrie with Jonet Shiphird, and becaus of the harvest he is remittit for the space of ane moneth, and hes offerit ten merk to the pure; Mr. William Wemis is caution for pament thairof, and for his returning to repentance. *Confessio adulterii* Covpar.

Wedinsday, the xix of September, 1599.

The quhilk day, anent the supplication producit be Mr. Dauid Ruthirfurde, in name of his kynnismen the Arthouris and Mr. Patrik Lindesay, excommunicat personis, desyring that thai may have acces to the heiring of Godis Word Supplication of the Arthouris excommunicat.

[1] *That* in MS.

preachit, the sessioun adheris thairto provyding that the party and towne may be keipit skaithles in thair resorting to the kirk. To advyse thairwith in the Presbitery the morne.[1]

Commissionaris for the Synode.

The quhilk day Mr. William Russell and Mr. William Wemis ar nominat and chosin commissionaris to the Synodall Assemblie now approcheing.

Sonday, the xxiij of September, 1599.

[Dauidsoun and Kenlowie] absolvit.

The quhilk day, Jsobell Dauidsoun, *fornicatrix* with unquhile James Martyne of Lathones, [and][2] Jhone Kenlowie, fornicatour, resavit and absolvit this day.

Anent the election of elderis and deacones.

The quhilk day, the sessioun haveing lited ane number of honest men of this citie to be chosin elderis and deacones in this congregatioun for the yeir to cum, thair names ar ordinit to be red out of pulpeit upon Wedinsday nixt, that the electioun may proced upon Friday nixt; and all person or personis that hes any thing to object aganis ather of thame to be summond to compeir the said day of electioun to that effect; with certification, if nane compeir, that na objectioun will be resavit eftir the election.

Ane fast appointed.

The bretheren upon guid considerationis hes ordinit ane fast to be celebrat this day aucht dayis, and the samin to be intimat upon Wedinsday nixt out of pulpeit in tyme of preaching.

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[1] 'September 20, 1599 . . . Ane supplicatioun gevin in be Mr. Hew Lindesay, in name of William, Henry, and Mr. Patrik Arthouris, and Mr. Patrik Lindesay his brother, desyring the Presbiterie, in respect the haill mater betuix thame and thair adversaris wes submittit to freindis and thai tuitcheit in conscience for thair synne, that thai micht have acces to the heiring of the Word, that sua thai micht cum to ane forder sicht of thair syn and repentance for the same, till it suld pleis God move the Presbiterie to relax thame fra the sentence of excommunicatioun undir the quhilk they lye. The Presbiterie ansuerit, ffirst, it is na wayis expedient that thai cum to the heiring of the Word, and nixt, that thair bill declaris as yit thai ar nocht tuitcheit in conscience for thair syn, bot rather travellis to extenuat the same, and thairfor ordanis Mris. Robert Wilky, George Glaidstanis, William Marche, Dauid Mernis and George Nairn, to travell with the saidis personis excommunicat that thai may be driven to repentance' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

[2] Omitted.

Friday, the xxviij of September, 1599.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, all personis, haveing interes to object any thing aganis any of the bretheren lited to be elderis and deacones, being thryse callit at the kirk dur to compeir, as thai war chargeit to this day upon Wedinsday last, and laufull tyme of day biddin, nane comperit to the effect foirsaid; and thairfoir the personis following war chosin. [Election of elderis and deacones.]

Mr. George Glaidstanis minister, Mr. Dauid Lindesay minister.[1]

Elderis.	Deacones.
Dauid Maule, of Both, commissar	Jhone Knox
Dauid Watsoun, Dene of Gild	George Nairn, youngar
Maister William Cok, baillie	Androw Millar
Androw fforrett, baillie	Dauid Diksoun
Dauid Every, baillie	Jhone Carstaris, youngar
James Leiche, thesaurar	Jhone Coupar
Stephane Philp	Walter Gibsoun
Thomas Diksoun, elder	Jhone Levingistoun
Patrik Guthrie	Daniell Millar
Mr. William Wemis	Dauid Tailzour
Dauid Winchister	Martyne Lummisden
Mr. Henry Russell	George Lummisden
Androw Watsoun	Jhon Mortoun
Mr. Dauid Russell	Robert Williamson
Jhone Arnott, clerk	Johne Myles
Mr. William Russell	Johne Greg
Thomas Lentron, elder	Nicoll Mayne
George Nairne, elder	Androw Gulen
Androw Welwod.	Androw Carnwath.

[1] On the preceding 3d of May, 'Mr. Andro Melwill, Provest of the New Colledge, gave in ane complaint, tuicheing ane calumnie rasit be sum of the citizenis of St. Androis aganis him, that he, in the absence of Mr. George Gladstones, did hald conventicles with Mr. Dauid Lyndesay, deiling with him to mak divisioun in the said citie of St. Androis. The said Mr. Dauid, being demandit thairof, ansuerit, befoir God and in presence of the haill Presbyterie, that he knew never of sic thing' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

The saidis personis being electit, they war all chargeit to compeir upon Sonday nixt, and to sit to gidder in thair accustumat places tyme of preaching befoir nune, that thai may solemnly accept the saidis offices upon thame, and mak promeis of faithfull discharge thairof according to thair habilitie.

[Divisioun of the citie in nyntene quarteris.]

The quhilk day, it is thocht expedient be the bretheren, for thair better discharge of thair offices, alsweill in ower seing the maneris of the pepill and visiting of the seik, as in distributing of the almois to the puir, that thair be a divisioun set doun of this citie in nyntene severall quarteris, that ilk elder and deacon may have thair particular quarter alloted to thame, quhilk is divydit as followes.

1 Beginand at the port of the Eist Burn Wynd on the west syid, and up to the West Burn Wynd: elder Dauid Every, deacon George Nairn youngar.

2 Fra the West Burn Wynd to the Blak Freiris exclusive: elder Stephan Philp, deacon Androw Millar.

3 Fra the Blak Freiris to the Port: elder Thomas Dikson, deacon John Carstaris.

4 Fra the Port out and in throught Northgaill to Henry Smithis hous: elder Mr. William Cok, deacon Dauid Diksoun.

5 Fra Henry Smythis hous to the end of Logyis Wynd exclusive: elder Mr. Henry Russell, deacon Johne Coupar.

6 Fra Logyis Wynd including the Kirk Wynd and New Clois to Mr. William Wemis hous: elder Mr. William Wemis, deacon Johne Levingistoun.

7 Fra that to Dauid Winchisteris hous including the Baikhous Wynd: elder Dauid Winchister, deacon Walter Gibsoun.

8 Fra Dauid Winchisteris hous to George Methvenis hous: elder Dauid Maule commissar, deacon Jhone Knox.

9 Fra George Methvenis up the Wynd to Jhone Moreis and Thomas Balfouris houssis, and thairfra eist to the Archidennis Jnnis, quhairin James Hay duellis: elder Patrik Guthrie, deacon Daniell Millar.

10 Fra the Mercatgait Port on the north syid to the College Wynd: elder James Leiche, deacon Dauid Tailzour.

11 Fra the College Wynd to the Hukstar Wynd: elder Mr. William Russell, deacon George Lummisden.

12 Fra the Hukistar Wynd on the south syid west to the

Kirk Wynd: elder Mr. Dauid Russell, deacon Martine Lummisdene.

Fra the Kirk Wynd to the Port: elder Andro Watson, 13
deacon John Myrtoun.

Fra the North Gait Port on the north syid to Pilrigis hous 14
inclusive: elder Jhone Arnott, deacon Jhone Greg.

Fra Pilrigis hous to Dauid Lentronis hous: elder Thomas 15
Lentron elder, deacon Jhone Myles.

Fra Dauid Lentronis hous doun and up the Fishergait to 16
Dauid Watsonis hous: elder Androw Forrett, deacon Andro Carnwath.

Fra Alexander Dauidsonis doun the Hukistar Wynd to 17
Thomas Balfoures, and up the uther syid to James Porterfeildis: elder Dauid Watsoun, deacon Nicoll Mayne.

Fra James Porterfeildis to the College Wynd exclusive: 18
elder George Nairn elder, deacon Robert Williamsoun.

Fra the College Wynd inclusive to the Port: elder Androw 19
Welwod, deacon Androw Gulen.

Sonday, the last of September, 1599.

The quhilk day, the elderis and deacones foirsaidis, being solemnly convenit in the kirk and place appointed, war all admonished and informit of the burding of thair offices, quha all, being resavit, maid promeis be uphalding of thair handis to discharge the samin according to thair habilitie. Elderis and deaconis resavit.

Tertio Octobris, 1599.

The quhilk day, Mr. Jhone Elphingistoun, son naturall to James Elphingistoun of Jnuerdovat, and Besse Watsoun, relict of unquhile Jhone Lummisden flesher, being callit comperit, and being accusit of fornication confest the samin; and the said Bessie haveing allegeit he hes maid hir promeis of mariage, and he, being accusit thairof, denyit the samin *simpliciter*. They ar ordinit to mak thair repentance. He hes offerit ten merkis, and the said Besse sex merkis to the puir. *Confessio* Elphingistoun, Watsoun.

The quhilk day, Dauid Gilcryst tailyour, being convict be ane assyis for striking of Thomas Monipenny tailyour, is Decreit contrar Gilcryst.

ordinit for the satisfaction of the kirk to mak repentance Sonday nixt.

Confessio adulterii Gilcryst.

The quhilk day, comperit Bessie Gilcryst and being accusit confest adultrie with Jhone Quhittet in Dundie, he haveand Jsobell Blak to wyf. He to be warnit and she is warnit *apud acta* to the nixt Wedinsday.

Thesaurar.

The quhilk day George Lummisden is electit thesaurar to the pure for ane quarter yeir space to cum.

Anent the contribution.

To mak intimation upon Sonday nixt that nane sall resave the communioun approcheing bot sic as payis thair contributioun to the puir.

Pure to the hospitall.

It is ordanit that Androw and Jhone Dauidsones, sones to unquhile George Dauidsoun, William Furde, son to Margret Wentoun, Thomas Moreis, son to Jonet Read, Dauid Carno and Agnes Murray, auld and pure, to be putt in the hospitall to resave thair sustentation.

Sonday, the vij of October, 1599.

[Elphingistoun and Smyth] absolvit.

Mr. Johne Elphingistoun, fornicatour with Bessie Watsoun, Gelis Smyth, adultrix with James Shives, war resavit and absolvit.

Auld actis authorizit.

The quhilk day, the auld actis and statutis maid in this sessioun, being oppinlie red and published be the minister, ar all fund guid and ratifeit, and ar ordinit to be precisely observit and keipit.

Wedinsday, the xvij of October, 1599.

Confessio Andersoun, Hammiltoun, actitat.

The quhilk day, Elspot Andersoun and Robert Hammiltoun callit comperit, and being accusit she confest he com to hir [in][1] Mr. Johne Methvenis hous, undir scilence of nycht, and that hir maister fand hir in the said Robert his okstar undir his clok, and reprovit him. The said Robert denyit any injurie done be him, and na forder being verifeit, he wes ordinit to crave God mercie; and bayth war admonist nocht to committ the lyik heireftir; and if he be fund doand the contrar it salbe haldin as confest fornication aganis thame.

[1] Omitted.

The quhilk day, Bessie Gilcryst being accusit confest adultrie with Jhone Quhittet, mercheand in Dundie—and that she is with bairn to him, gottin in unquhile Henry Fowellis hous upon Sonday nixt eftir the last Sengzie day, in hir nakit bed—in his presens, denyand the samin, nochtwithstanding of his confession to divers of the sessioun that he wes in nakit bed with hir. She to be imprissoned, and he to be wardit quhill he find caution to compeir quhill the mater be tryed. *Confessio adulterii* Gilcryst, Quhittit.

The quhilk day, Jhone Millar in New Grange callit comperit and being accusit confest adultrie with Beatrix Lyell, he haveing Bessie Blak to his wyiff. He is ordanit to be in the Presbiterie to resave his injunctiones to repentance, and she to be warnit. *Confessio adulterii* Millar, Lyell.

Sonday, the xxj of October, 1599.

Jonet Shiphird adultrix with Jhone Coupar in Lathalland wes resavit and absolvit fra the penitent stule this day. [Shiphird] absolvit.

Wedinsday, the xxiiij of October, 1599.

Jonet Murray pure and seiklie to resave tua s. ouklie; Peter Fairfoule xvj d. ouklie, provyding he crave the samin him self ilk Sattirday; Jhone Dysart to have ij s. ouklie, if he remane in the towne. Pure helpit.

Sonday, the xxviij of October, 1599.

The quhilk day, comperit Isobell Forsyith, dochter to unquhile Jhon Forsyith of Nydie, with ane young bairn in hir armes procreat betuix hir and James Drummond, thai being contractit in mariage to gidder. [The sessioun][1] ordanis the bairn to be baptizit, and she to mak repentance as *fornicatrix* and hes offerit iiij ℔. to the puir. *Confessio* Forsyith, Drummond.

Wedinsday, the last of October, 1599.

The quhilk day, Jhon Sourdy, as maister of the hospitall, is

[1] Omitted.

Anent the keiping of preaching and paceable heiring thairof.

ordinit that the auld pepill and bairnis thairintill sall repair to the preaching on the Saboth dayis, and sitt at the west end of the kirk; and Jhon Roull, as maister of the sang schole, to caus the best of his scholaris sitt besyid him self, about the pulpeit, to help to sing the Psalmes on the Saboth dayis; and the parentis and maisteris of sic bairnis and utheris as trubillis the kirk and kirkyard in tyme of divyne service, or vaiges in this citie tyme of preaching, salbe cited and censurit for thair faultis.

Decreit contrar Dicky.

The quhilk day, Beatrix Dickie, for hurting and injureing of Agnes Orok, is ordanit to mak repentance on Sonday nixt, and for selling fishe on the Saboth day.

Pure, Ednam helpit.

The quhilk day, William Ednam is ordinit to resave xl s., and to be careit to Carreill quhair his wyiff remanes, and the sessioun hes satisfeit William Watsoun chirurgian for cureing of his hurt.

Lentron and Pait contractit.

Dauid Lentron, son to Thomas Lentren, and Jonet Pait ar contractit in mariage; he, ignorant, to pay xl s. to the puir, and the difficulteis resultane thair aganis discussit and fund frivolus.

Wedinsday, the vij of November, 1599.

[Winchister and Dicky] absolvit.

Alexander Winchister and Jsobell,[1] fornicatouris, and Beatrix Dicky, for abusi[ng][2] the Saboth day, war resavit and absolvit Sonday last wes.

Anent Mr. George Sibbald.

Comperit Mr. George Sibbald, and, eftir lang and oft citation of him, hes now promittit to satisfie the byrunes of his bairnes burde, and to intertynne the samin sufficientlie in tyme cuming, sua that the session salbe na forder burdenit thairwith.

Anent new seattis in the kirk.

The quhilk day, the bretheren undirstanding that thair is gryt deformitie and abuse in the seattis of this kirk, and fault fund thairwith be the Commissionaris of the Kirk at thair visitation heir; thairfoir it is ordinit that the ministeris, with sex of the sessioun and sex of the counsall, sall convene and

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[1] Surname omitted, probably *Forsyith*.

[2] Worn off. The outer edges of the remaining leaves are all more or less frayed.

devyse for new forme of seattis to the decoratioun of this kirk, being ane ancient and famous congregatioun.[1]

Bessie Gilcryst, adultrix with Jhone Quhittet, according to the determinatioun of the Presbiterie,[2] is ordinit to enter to hir repentance upon Sonday nixt in seck claith, and to continew quhill the kirk be satisfeit thairanent. Gilcryst adultrix repentance.

The quhilk day, Androw Baverage callit comperit, and being accusit for onbesetting of Mr. William Thomsoun, and fechting undir scilence of nycht, tryit befoir the magistratis, he is thairfoir ordinit to mak humiliation Sonday. Decreit contrar Baverage.

Wedinsday, the xiiij of November, 1599.

Bessie Watsoun, *fornicatrix* with Mr. Johne Elphingistoun,[3] wes absolvit upon Sonday last fra hir repentance. [Watsoun] absolvit.

The quhilk day, Margaret Bett and Katheren Cuik, in the North Gait, comperit and confest flyting to gidder undir scilence of nycht, and thairfoir ar ordinit to ask God and utheris forgivenes; and the said Margaret is dischargeit fra ressett of ungodlie cumpany, to drink on tymously in hir hous, and specialie Thomas Zoung nocht to ludge in hir hous, as he hes done of befoir, to the sclander of this congregation; with certification thai salbe haldin as fornicatouris. Bett and Cuik admonist.

Wedinsday, the xxj of November, 1599.

Androw Philp wes resavit this day as relaps in fornicatioun. [Philp] absolvit.

The quhilk day, Jonet Nory and Robert Dalgleishe, for violating the Saboth day, ar ordinit to mak humiliation Sonday nixt. Nory and Dalgleishe.

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[1] 'August 23, 1599. . . . Ordanis the Kirk of Sanctandrois to be visiit upon Friday cum aucht dayis be Mris. Robert Wilky, Androw Duncan, James Meluill, Dauid Mernis and George Nairn' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). 'September vj°, 1599. . . . The visitatioun of Sanctandrois tryit and allowit. The ministeris ar ordinit to posses thame selffis with ane mans, and to request thair towne to mak the pavement of thair kirk levell, and to adorne the same with daskis' (*Ibid.*).

[2] '*Novembris* 1, 1599. . . . Bessy Gilchrist in St. Androis compeirit and confessit the fact of adulterie committit be hir with Jhone Quhittet, spous to [*blank*] Blak, in Dundy, quha wes ordanit to enter to hir repentance the nixt Sabboth' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

[3] *Methuen* in MS.

Anent obstinat personis in making repentance.

The quhilk day, in consideration that divers personis in this parochin and citie, in making repentance befoir the pulpeit for thair evill lyiff and conversation, uteris proud and querelling speiches, testifying thairby the pryid of thair hartis and the litill regaird of God and disciplene; it is thairfoir ordinit that quhatsumevir person or personis, in making of repentance befoir the pulpeit, uteris proud and querellous speiches, and behaves nocht thame selffis humblie, sall be repellit for that tyme, and put and keipit in pressoun, till thai find cautioun to satisfie on the penitent stule of repentance the nixt Saboth following.

Sonday, the xxv of November, 1599.

Tyme for communioun.

The mater anent the tymes of the celebratioun of the communioun being proponit, it is thocht expedient that the samin be done upon the first tua Sabothis of Februar nixt, and thaireftir at Lambes nixt or thairby.

Wedinsday, the xxviij of November, 1599.

Confessio Read, Liddisdaill.

The quhilk day, Henry Read and Marion Liddisdell, presenting thame selffis to be contractit, and being accusit, confest fornication and she to be with bairn to him. They ar ordanit to mak publik repentance upon Sonday nixt, and to be contractit thaireftir.

Dilatioun Parky contrar Marion Adie.

The quhilk day, anent the delatioun gevin in aganis Marioun Adie, spous to William Lermonth youngar—for abusing of Margaret Parky hir servand upon the tent day of November instant, in cutting hir heir by the plattis out of hir heid with ane knyiff, and in striking of hir, and burning of hir fleshe with ane hot irn tayngis, and specialie betuix hir leggis—in presens of the said Marioun, denyand the samin, and thairfoir [the sessioun][1] ordanis the same to be provin literallie.

Sonday, the secund of December, 1599.

The quhilk day, Henry Read and Marioun Liddisdeill

[1] Omitted.

haveing maid repentance, the said Marioun sensyne being trublit in conscience hes confest hir to have Patrik Peage to hir mareit husband, with quhome she wes mareit in Kilconquhar kirk, and sen syne hes born ane bairn in adultrie to ane uther man, and is presentlie with bairn to the said Henry Read, and sua is ane filthie adulterix, and submittis hir self to the will of the kirk. She is chargeit to compeir befoir the Presbitery upon Thurisday nixt.

Confessio adulterii Liddisdaill relaps.

Wedinsday, the fyft of December, 1599.

The quhilk day, in the caus of sclander depending aganis Jhon Sheves, sumtyme portioner of Byrehillis, and Jonet Moreis, spous to Robert Allane in this citie, they being chargeit to this day to heir sentence pronuncit thairin, and the proces deducit thairupon being advysit, the session finds the said Jhone hes gevin just occasion of sclander be hanting in hir hous in suspicious maner; and thairfoir he is ordanit to mak humiliation on the penitent stule Sonday nixt, with admonition to be gevin to him be the minister out of pulpeit, that, if he hant with hir heireftir in ony suspitious maner, they salbe haldin as actuall adulteraris and punist thairfoir condignely.

Decreit contrar Shivez.

The quhilk day, Jhone Quhitted in Dundie being callit comperit, and, being accusit of adultrie with Bessie Gilcryst, confest the samin, nochtwithstanding of his denyall thairof of befoir; and that it wes committit be him about the Sengze day last wes, in the hous of the relict of unquhile Henry Fowellis. The magistratis ar desyrit to ward him quhill he find cautioun to compeir befoir the Presbiterie upon Thurisday nixt, and obey the injunctiones to be inflictit for his repentance, being ane very ignorant and unrewlie man.[1]

Confessio adulterii Quhittit.

Wedinsday, the xij of December, 1599.

William Balfour maltman, Hew Thomsoun, Jhone Lermonth

[1] '*Decembris* 14, 1599. . . . Compeirit Johne Quhittet in Dundie befoir wrettin and confessit the horrible fact of adulterie committit be him with Agnes Gilchrist in Sanctandrois, and thairfoir the Presbyterie ordanit him to mak his repentance in the kirk of Sanctandrois according to the ordour' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

[Balfour, Thomsoun, Lermonth and Leis] admonist.

gunnar, and Jhone Leis smyth, being accusit for travelling on the Sabath d[ay] and nocht keiping of the kirk, thai confest the samin and hes promeist nocht to do the lyik in tyme cuming.

Friday, the xiiij day of December, 1599.

Anent Lindesay and Arthouris excommunicat.

The quhilk day, at directioun of the Presbitery,[1] Mr. Patrik, Williame and Henry Arthouris, and Mr. Patrik Lindesay, comperand for geving declaratioun of thair humiliatioun for the slauchter of unquhile James Smyth, for the quhilk thai war excommunicat, according to his Majesteis directioun and decreit arbitrall, pronuncit anent the removing of all enimity betuix the saidis personis and thair assistaris on the ane pairt, and the freindis of the said unquhile James Smyth and thair assistaris on the uther part; the saidis personis excommunicat gave testimony of thair humiliatioun, quha war ordinit to mak forder humiliation upon the Saboth and uther ordinar dayis approcheing, ay and quhill the sessioun war satisfeit thairanent.

Sonday, the xvj of December, 1599.

Confessio adulterii Blythe.

The quhilk day, Jhone Blythe, son to Patrik Blythe in Brounhillis, comperit and being accusit confest adultrie with Jsobell Lowrie, spous to Robert Couttes in Balmungie, and that he wes persuadit thairto be hir.

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[1] '*Novembris* 29, 1599 . . . The quhilk day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in be William, Henrie and Mr. Patrik Arthouris and Mr. Patrik Lyndesay, shewing thai wer grevit for the haynous slauchter committit be them, and desyring to be relaxt of the sentence of excommunicatioun, the Presbyterie ordanis Mris. Robert Wilkie, George Glaidstenis, Dauid Lyndesay, William Marche, Andro Duncane, George Narne and William Murra, to confer with the saidis personis and to try gif ther wer ony tokenis of repentance in them, and to reporte the samyne to the Presbyterie the nixt day appoyntit for discipline' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). '*Decembris* 14, 1599. . . . The same day, the maist part of the brethrene above specifeit, quha wer appoyntit to try the repentance of William, Henrie and Mr. Patrik Arthouris, and Mr. Patrik Lyndesay, reportit that, sa far as thai culd try and perceave, thei fond tokenis of repentance in them (leaving the tryall of the hert to God the onlie searcher thairof); quharupoun the Presbyterie ordanis the ministerie of Sanctandrois to enter the foirsaidis personis to publict repentance the nixt Sabbothe; and therefter as thei fonde them penitent or nocht to reporte to the Presbyterie' (*Ibid.*).

Wedinsday, the xix of December, 1599.

The quhilk day, the bretheren undirstanding perfytlie that divers personis of thair number the tyme of sessioun passis to the feildis, to the goufe and uthir exercise, and hes no regard for keiping of the sessioun conform to the actis maid thairanent, for remeid quhairof it is ordinit that quhatsumevir person or personis of the session that heireftir beis fund playand, or passis to play at the goufe or uthir pastymes the tyme of sessioun, sall pay ten s. for the first fault, for the secund fault xx s., for the thrid fault publik repentance, and the fourt fault deprivation fra thair offices; and this to be payit to the clerk, without prejudice of the formar actis maid for keiping of the sessioun.[1]

Anent playaris in tym of session and penalteis to be payit thairfoir to the clerk.

The quhilk day, comperit Isobell Lowry, and being accusit confest adultrie with Jhon Blyithe in Brounhillis, she haveing Robert Coutte[s] to hir husband; and the said Jhone present

Confessio adulterii Blythe, Lowrie.

[1] The Presbytery had difficulty as well as the session in getting members to attend; but it does not appear whether it was the national pastime, with its irresistible attractions, which thinned the meetings of the superior court. 'Marche 18, [1595-6.] . . . The brithering of the Presbytrie considdering the slaknes of thair disciplein to arrase upon the absence of the brithering in noth making conscience of keiping the ordinar day appointit for executioun of disciplein, therfoir the haill memberis of the said Presbytrie hes ordenit, and be thir presentis ordenis, that quhasoever of thair number salbe absent the saidis ordinarie hour sall pay for the first tym vj s. viij d., the secund 13s. 4d., the thrid 26 s. 8 d., hes absence following ane after ane uther; and the absent to give his excuse upon his conscience, and ne excuse to be acceptit bot that quhilk the Presbytrie allouit off. And this to stand as ane perpetuall law and ordinance to be observit; to have the beginging (*sic*) thairoff at the alevint of Marche, unto Michealmes day; and ane uther ordour to be appointit for the keiping of the said Presbytrie in the winter seassoun. It is ordenit that quhasoever being present and sall depart befoir tuelff houris, without leacence askit and givin, sall pay xl d.; and the brithering of the Presbytrie to sit na langer in doing thair ordinarie turnis, except they be urgit be sum extraordinar; and quhasoever sall speak, noth being demandit of the Moderatour or obtening licence to that effect, sall pay xij d. Giff he that sould mak the exerceise be absent, and throcht his default the place be destitut, he sall pay xx s.; giff throcht the secundis speak[er]is negligence xiij s. iiij d. Giff ony be leait in cuming in to the hearing of the doctrein sall pay xl d.' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). There was another danger to be avoided after the brethren had met. 'November 29, 1599 . . . *Item*, that the tyme appoyntit to the disputes be nocht schortnit, the Presbyterie ordanis that he quha passis the glas, in the explicatioun of his theses publictlie, sall pay vj s. viij d.' (*Ibid.*).

confest the samin, and that thai have keipit bed togidder commonlie betuix Pasche and quhill the moneth of November last wes. The magistratis ar desyrit to put thame in pressoun, quhill thai find caution to compeir befoir the Presbiterie on Thurisday nixt, and obey thair injunctiones.[1]

Cadgeris actit.

Androw Kay and Dauid Mitchell cadgeris comperit, and being accusit confest thair travelling on the Saboth day, and that the storme of wether stayit thame ower lang in Dundie upon Sattirday. They ar becum obleist nevir to committ the lyik fault heireftir.

Friday, the xxj of December, 1599.

Decreit Lermonth v ℔.

The quhilk day, comperit William Lermonth yongar, and confest his misbehaviour done in the sessioun upon Wedinsday last for the quhilk he is ordanit to mak humiliation Sonday nixt, and to pay fyve ℔b. to the puir, and is content to obey the samin, with promeis that be Godis help he sall nevir committ the lyik fault in tyme cuming.

Sonday, the xxiij of December, 1599.

Citatio Parkie contrar Adie.

The quhilk day, in the caus persewit be Margaret Parky aganis Marion Adie, thai bayth being present and confrontit upon the dilatioun, the said Margaret affirmit the samin and the said Marioun denyit the samin as of befoir. The sessioun ordinis the said Margret to persew hir befoir the baillies for tryell thairof civilie upon Tyisday, and ar bayth warnit to return to heir the session gif thair ansuer thairanent on Wedinsday nixt.

Wedinsday, the xxvj of December, 1599.

Confessio Skeddowie.

The quhilk day, Agnes Skeddowie callit comperit, and being accusit confest hir to be with bairn to William Orme, servitour to Arthour Wod. She and he to be warnit to compeir this day aucht dayis.

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[1] '*Decembris* 20, 1599. . . . Compeirit Johne Blyth, quha confessit the fact of adulterie committit be him with Jsabell Lowrie, spous to Robert Cultis, all in the parochyne of Sanctandrois; and thairfoir wer ordanit to enter to thair repentance' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

The quhilk day, anent the caus aganis Marion Adie for the allegeit abusing of Margaret Parkie, this day being sett to report the magistrattis tryell of thair civill part thairof, and to the sessioun to gif thair ansuer thairin, conform to the Act maid thairon upon Sonday last; the magistratis for thair report producit the proces led befoir thame in the said mater, quhilk being considderit be the bretheren, with the haill proces led in this sessioun thairanent, they find na pairt of the dilation verifeit, bot onlie that the said Marioun hes cuttit the heir out of the said Margaretis heid, confest be the said Marioun, and that she is clengeit fra the remanent of the said dilatioun; and thairfoir ordinis the said Marioun to be sharplie rebuikit for hir pryid and misbehaviour, and to be reconceilit with the said Margret, quhilk wes presentlie done; and the said Margret Parky glaidlie acceptit of the said Marion, and hartlie forgaive hir all injureis resavit be hir fra the said Marion of befoir; and the said Marion upon hir kneis cravit God the bretheren and hir forgivenes; and, for purgeing of the sessioun, it is ordinit that it salbe declarit out of pulpeit upon Sonday nixt befoir nune, that albeit gryt diligence hes bene usit befoir the session and magistratis for trying of the injureis done be the said Marion to the said Margret, and yit nathing thairof verifeit that merites censuring be publik repentance.

Decreit aganis Marion Adie anent Parky.

The quhilk day, anent the supplicatioun gevin in be Mr. Patri[k], Henry and William Arthouris, and Mr. Patrik Lindesay, excommunic[at] personis for the murthering of unquhile James Smyth, humblie lam[en]ting thair grevous offence and craving pardon and forgivenes for the same, as the said supplication at lenth proportis, desy[ring] the sessionis ansuer thairin; the bretheren being advysit thairwith, and haveing tryit and fund the practise of the sessioun of this citie in receaving of murderaris repentance, and how many dayis they have bene in use to mak humiliation publiklie, efter tryell it hes bene tua Saboth dayis only, and in speciall maid be unquhile Capitane Robert Meluill, Walter Geddy, James Wemis of Lathoker, and Androw Hagy; and seing the sutares foirsaidis hes satisfeit alreddie tua Saboth dayis and the ouk dayis interjectit, quhilk in all with Friday and Sonday nixt will mak sevin dayis, and seing in thame signes of repentance

Act in favouris of excommunicat Lindesay and Arthures.

(referring alwayis the judgement of thair hartis to God), declaris that thai ar satisfeit, and willis and desyres that thai be absolvit fra the sentence of excommunication upon Sonday nixt.[1]

Sonday, the penult of December, 1599.

Anent the absolutioun of the Arthures and Lindesay.

The quhilk day, Mr. George Glaidstanes and Mr. Dauid Lindesay ministeris exponit to the bretheren that thai had declarit the will of the sessioun to the Presbiterie, anent the absolutioun of Mr. Patrik Lindesay, William, Henry and Mr. Patrik Arthouris, from the sentence of excommunication; the Presbitery haveing also consentit to the said absolutioun of befoir, with provision that the sessioun suld tak ane obligation of the saidis personis that they suld obey the Kingis decreit anent thair banishment, and keip thame selffis af the streittis of this citie in the menetyme, undir the pane of excommunicatioun, and willit the sessioun to tak the said band. To the quhilk the sessioun all in ane voce ansuerit thai wald nocht tak any sik band of thame, the mater beand civile, and his Majestie haveand sufficient powar to execute his awin decreit, speciall panes being set doun thairintill, viz., the sowm of thrie thousand merkis in case of contraventioun; and remembering that thai micht be querellit for usurpatioun upon the Kingis auctoritie, they wald na wayis consent that in this judicatorie sic ane obligation suld be takin. Alwayis the saidis ministeris, for the discharge of thair dewitie, callit the saidis excommunicat personis befoir the said session, and thair

[1] '*Decembris* 27, 1599 . . . The quhilk day, anent the declaratioun of the ministeris and sessioun of Sanctandrois, that thei wer satisfeit with the signes of repentance thai saw in William, Henrie [and] Mr. Patrik Arthouris, and Mr. Patrik Lyndesay, and that the tyme appoyntit be his Majesties decreit for thair banischment approcheit; quherupoun, the Presbyterie ordanis to absolve the saidis personis fra the sentence of excommunicatioun the nixt Sabbothe; provyding that ther obligatioun be first tane be the said sessioun, that the saidis personis sall obey his Majesties decreit in all poyntes, specially anent ther banischment; and siclyk that to the day of ther departure thai sall keip them of the streitis, and ther behaviour to be sic as may expres the signes of repentance, under the payne of excommunicatioun agane, becaus therby thei schaw ther repentance to be null and a mockinge of God and his kirk, &c.' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

demandit of thame if in taikin of thair repentance they wald promeis to depairt af the cuntrie, and indure thair banishment according to the Kingis determination, and if thai wald keip thame selffis quiet fra publik hanting on the streittis of this citie (to the provocation of the pairtes till the day of thair departour fra this citie) or nocht, [quha][1] ansuerit affirmative, and promeist to obey the saidis tua conditiones faithfullie. Quhilk promeis being maid, the saidis ministeris chargeit thame to obey and keip the samin promeis in signification of thair repentance undir the pane of excommunicatioun, and gave thame admonitioun to that effect presentlie.

Eodem die sessione 2ª post meridiem.

Arthures and Lindesay absolvit.

Maister George Glaidstanes minister—haveing hard the foirnammit excommunicat personis, ilk ane severalie, from the place of publik repentance, anent thair sorow and greiff in sustening the said hevy sentence of excommunicatioun justlie merited be thame for the murthering of unquhile James Smyth—pronuncit the sentence of absolutioun to thame fra the said excommunication, with consent of the eldership and haill kirk, upon conditioun that the saidis Mr. Patrik, William and Henry Arthures, and Mr. Patrik Lindesay, absolvit as said is, observit and keipit thair promeissis anent the obedience of the Kingis decreit [made][1] be thame in the sessioun, and now publiklie in presens of the haill congregation convenit for the present, anent thair banishment and anent thair quyet behaviour in the menetyme: lyikas the said condition wes exprest in the wordis of the said sentence, and thai admonished publiklie undir the pane of excommunication to that effect *pro primo*; lyikas Mr. Dauid Lindesay minister, at the tyme of the receaving of thame be the hand, as the custume of the kirk is, ressavit the saidis personis in the bosome of the kirk upon that conditioun of obedience, as said is, in presens of the pepill.[2]

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[1] Omitted.

[2] 'Januare 3, *anno Domini* 1600 . . . It wes reportit to the Presbyterie that the Arthouris contrair to ther obligatioun misbehavit them selffis in resorting on the streitis to the provocatioun of the partie offendit; therfoir the Presbyterie

Mutatio anni.

Wedinsday, the nynt of Januar, 1600.

Confessio Quhytlaw, Richertsoun.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, comperit Agnes Quhytlaw, and confest she had borne ane bairn to Jhone Richardson [in][1] Hahill, quhilk wes gottin in Lathoker within this parochin. She hes fund caution to compeir this day xv dayis, and he to be warnit to the samin day.

Confessio Winchister, Murray.

The quhilk day, Alexander Winchister, son to Dauid Winchister, being callit comperit, and being accusit confest fornication with Katherene Murray, relaps on his pairt. He is

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ordanis Mris. Robert Wilky and William Marche to concure with the sessioun of Sanctandrois the morne, the 4 of Januare instant, and caus call the saidis personis befoir them and intimat to them the Act of the Presbyterie maid anent ther excommunicatioun of new agane, gif thei obey not the Kingis Majesties decreit anent ther banischment, and kept them secreit of the streitis, with sic behaviour as may expres the signes of repentance till the tyme of ther departing; with certificatioun, gif thai insist to contravene, ther repentance salbe haldin null [and thai ex]communicat of new agane, etc.' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). 'Januare 24, 1600 . . . The Presbyterie ordanis the ministeris of Sanctandrois to sie it tryit, quhat warrand the Arthouris hes to returne to Sanctandrois, seing thai obleist them selfis to obey his Majesties decreit specialy anent ther banischment; and to reporte the same to the Presbyterie' (*Ibid.*). 'Februare 21, 1600 . . . Anent the questioun proponit be the ministeris of St. Androis, quhether gif the freindis of umquhile James Smyth refusing to schak handis with the murthereris suld be admittit to the Lordis Table, the Presbyterie ansueris that, gif thei profes reconciliatioun in ther hertis to all men and that thei beir malice to none, and yit refuis that [form] of schaking of handis, it may not stay them to be admittit' (*Ibid.*). '*Aprilis* 24, [1600] . . . It wes askit be Mr. Johne Scharpe, kinsman, and in name of the rest of the freindis of umquhile James Smyth, anent the relaxatioun of the murthereris of the said umquhile James fra ther excommunicatioun, that seing the said relaxatioun did nocht proceid upoun ony sene repentance in tyme bypast to ony contentment; but only conceavit and permitted be the Presbyterie upon a hope of the said murthereris verie passing in a durant banischment injoynit be his Majestie, as thai wer informit, and of the giving of ther obligatioun for the performance therof, with ther maist quyet behaviour untill ther enterie to the said banischment, as signes of ther repentance; quhilk expectatioun of the Presbyterie anent the said banischment and utheris conditionis alluterlie faylyeand, in sic sort that evin continuale sensyne, insteid of a repentance to God and satisfactioun to the pairty offendit, ther behaviour hes bene publictlie maist sclanderous to the people and grevous to the partie: *Queritur* therfoir gif the saidis murthereris suld nocht, according to the provisioun of the Act of the Presbyterie, be excommunicat *de novo*, or rather declarit to ly still excommunicat as thai haid never bene relaxt? The Presbyterie referris the ansuer of this questioun to the Provinciall Assemblie, and forder quhat suld be done in that mater' (*Ibid.*).

[1] Omitted.

ordanit to remane in presson xv dayis, and thaireftir to satisfie sex dayis on the penitent stule.

Jhon Levingiston to gif v s. to Thomas Methven, Bessie Read v s. ouklie, George Small xx s., and v s. to tua puir wemen in the North Gait. Pure helpit.

Wedinsday, the xvj of Januar, 1600.

The quhilk day, Jonet Cluny, now in this citie fugitive fra the disciplene of the kirk of Forgund in Fyiff, being callit comperit, and being accusit confest fornication with Alexander Bruce, son to Robert Bruce of Pitlethy; and confest carnall copulatioun with Dauid Dury hir maister, quhilk wes adultrie; and thairfoir is remittit to the disciplene of Forgund kirk, the adulterie being committit in that parrochin. *Confessio adulterii* Cluny, Dury.

Comperit Helene Jamesoun, *fornicatrix* with Johne Kendlowye, Helene Moreis *fornicatrix* with Johne Millar, quha ar committ to presson, till thai have satisfeit disciplene for thair faultis. Fornicatouris imprissoned.

Wedinsday, the penult of Januar, 1600.

The quhilk day, William Orme, servitour to Arthour Wod, callit c[omperit], and confest adultrie with Agnes Skeddowy, he haveand ane mareit [wyiff][1] on lyve. He is warnit to compeir befoir the Presbitery on Thurisday [? nixt]. *Confessio adulterii* Orme.

The quhilk day Dauid Braid in Kyninmonth comperit and confest fornicatio[un] with Margaret Pryde. He is ordinit to begin his repentance [this] day aucht dayis, and the magistrat to punish him civilie. *Confessio* Braid.

The quhilk day comperit Johne Millar at Badynne Miln, and confest fornication with Helene Moreis. He is ordanit to begin his repentance upon Wedinsday nixt, and hes payit vj li. for his penaltie. *Confessio* Millar.

Friday, the xv of Februar, 1600.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, it is

[1] From the *Register of the Presbytery* it appears that his wife's name was Margaret Merlin.

Communioun. Anent the tiquotis to communioun.

thocht expedient anent the geving of tiquotis to the communion, to be celebrat the tua nixt Saboth dayis, that everie tiquot [bear][1] the personis name, the examinatouris name, with ane mark thairon to designe the first Sondayis tiquotis fra the secund, that the ordour appointit may be keipit.

Wedinsday, the xx of Februar, 1600.

Decretum Andersoun, Robertsoun and Mure.

The quhilk day, George Andersoun, servand to Stephane Philp, for drinking on the Saboth day in tyme of preaching, and for gevin of evill langage to the magistratis, confest be him, he is ordanit to mak publik repentance on Sonday nixt on the penitent stule; and William Robertsoun and Androw Mvre, for drinking than with him, to mak humiliatioun befoir the pulpeit upon Sonday nixt.

Wedinsday, the xxvij of Februar, 1600.

Visitatioun of this citie.

The quhilk day, it is concludit that the ministeris and baillies of thi[s] citie sall pass to gidder and viseit the samin citie, and to tak sic ordour that na evill disposed nor ydill personis have libertie to duell in sic ane reformit congregation.

Act anent the gild bretheren seatt.

The quhilk day, the bretheren all in ane voce hes grantit libertie to Dauid Watsoun, Dene of Gild, and his bretheren of the mercheandis, and sic as the said Dauid sall gif up in roll, to repair and big and sett up thair seattis in this kirk, for decoratioun thairof, in the place as wes befoir designit, on the eist syid of the pulpeit, thair beand ane passage omittit betuix the pulpeit and the samin seatt.[2]

Wedinsday, the fyft of Marche, 1600.

The quhilk day, Jhone Quhittit, burges of Dundie, being

[1] Omitted.

[2] The parish church was extensively repaired, or rather almost entirely rebuilt, in 1798. A 'plan of the seats,' drawn by David Malcolm, S.T.S., in 1786, and engraved 'in obedience to an interlocutor of Lord Hailes, dated 7th August 1787,' shows eight seats belonging to 'the Guildry' on the east side of the pulpit; and the passage mentioned in the text, as between these seats and the pulpit, is shown as part of the pew of Dr. Adamson, then minister of the first charge.

oft tymes cited now comperit, and is ordinit to begin humiliation on Friday nixt, in seck claith, bear futit and bare heidit, betuix the secund and hemnest bellis to stand in the porche dur, and thaireftir on the penitent stule; and safurth everie Saboth and uther preaching dayis interjectit, quhill he have satisfeit the kirk for his adultrie with Bessie Gilcryst; and the bairn procreat betuix thame to be baptist on Sonday nixt.

Quhittit adulterar his repentance begun.

Friday, the sevint of Marche, 1600.

The quhilk day, Jhone Carstaris mercheand, Jhone Fairfoule, Dauid Gilcryst, Charles Ramsay, and Jhone Vennesoun, being callit comperit, and being accusit confest thair travelling with thair pakkis from the cost syid on the Saboth day. They ar thairfoir ordinit to mak humiliation Sonday nixt, and to pay xx s. to the puir ilk persoun.

Decreit aganis Carstaris, &c., for traveling on the Saboth day.

The quhilk day, Dauid Lentron, son to James Lentroun, delyverit to the thesaurar of the puir the sowm of threttie tua lib., as ane pairt of the vow silver gadderit in his ship this last veyage, desyring the samin, with the remanent sowmes gevin be marineris of this citie and thair equipages, to be bestowit upon rent to the puir, that the stok may be furthcumand to the use of the puir to quhome it is grantit.

Anent vow silver to be imployed to the use of the pure, &c.

Wedinsday, the xij of Marche, 1600.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, the bretheren hes nominat and chosin Mr. William Russell advocat, thair commissionar to pas to the Generall Assemblie, to be haldin at Montrois the xviij day of Marche, 1600.

Commissionar to the Generall Assemblie.

Wedinsday, the xxvj of Marche, 1600.

The quhilk day, Jhone Cuik flesheour and James Thomson tailyour, for fechting to gidder, ar ordinit to mak humiliation upon Sonday nixt.

Decreit contrar Cuik and Thomson.

The quhilk day, the sessioun of this kirk, with advyse of the magistratis of this citie, hes grantit libertie to the bretheren of the cordaner craft to big and sett up ane seat in the kirk,

Anent the cordaneris seat.

at the bak of that seat quhairin Sir George Douglas usis to sitt into.[1]

Wedinsday, the secund of Aprile, 1600.

Dawson admonist.

The quhilk day, Jsobell Dawsoun callit comperit, and being accusit confest that she played woiert[2] on the Saboth day upon necessitie, it being on perrell and danger of tinsell; and submittit hir self to the sessioun, quha ordinit [hir][3] to crave God forgivenes, quhilk she presentlie did, and hes promeist nocht to committ the lyik agane.

Wedinsday, the ix day of Aprile, 1600.

Decreit contrar Cuke and Broun.

The quhilk day, Patrik Cuik and William Broun flesheris, for [thair] fechting to gidder, ar ordinit to mak humiliation Sonday nixt.

Sonday, the xiij of Aprile, 1600.

Carstaris, Fairfoule, Ramsay, &c. Satisfeit.

It wes thocht guid be the bretheren that Jhon Carstaris mercheand s[all] sit in the gild brother seat nerest the pulpeit for his humiliati[oun], seing that the braking of the Saboth day wes nocht be him self in pers[oun], bot onlie be his servand at his command, and sa to be published b[e the] minister, and sua he and his neychtbouris to be resavit this day for tha[ir] offence.

The quhilk day, Robert Williamsoun is chosin to be maister

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[1] In an Act already quoted (*supra*, p. 634 n.), the deacon and council of the cordiners not only ordained that the brethren of the craft should attend the services on preaching days, but that they should 'sit in thair awin seat.' On the 23rd of February 1609, it was ordained by the same trade 'that the officiar of the craft be present within the kirk at the secund bell ringing to the preching or prayers, and have the seat dur reddie oppin and patent to the brethren immediatlie eftir the ringing of the said bell, and that he suffir na exstranean to sit in thair sett, and if he failyie heirintill to pay *toties quoties* sex s. viij d.' (*The Cordinaris Buke of St. Androis*, MS.). These worthies soon became even more exclusive, for, on the 6th of April 1613, they ordained 'that na unfreman, sirvand, or brothir sone nocht freman, sit or prease to sit in the kirk seat of the cordinaris undir the pane of vi s. viij d.' (*Ibid.*).

[2] Set yeast or wort in brewing a-working.

[3] Omitted.

of the hospitall for ane quarter yeir to cum, and Jhone Coupar maltman is chosin collectour of the puir contribution for ane yeir to cum, and the bretheren to heir the comptis of Robert Williamson last collectour and of Jhone Knox last thesaurar. Collectour and thesaurar comptis.

Wedinsday, the xvj of Aprile, 1600.

The quhilk day, Jonet Smyth, in Northgaill, for flyting and filthie spei[ches] uterit be hir aganis Effame Murray hir neychtbour, is ordinit to crave God mercy, and hir forgivenes, upon hir kneis in that place quhair the samin war uterit, quhilk wes presentlie done. Decreit contrar Smyth.

Bessie Miln comperit and being accusit confest hir braking of the Saboth day, and craved mercie of God, and the sessioun forgivenes, and with hir awin consent salbe baneist this citie if she be fund in the lyik fault. Bessie Miln actit.

Wedinsday, the xxiij of Aprile, 1600.

Comperit Margaret Wod and being accusit for abusing of hir body in shamefull maner with Mark Wilsoun confest the samin. The magistratis ar desyrit to sie hir jokit, and that she be on the penitent stule on Friday nixt, that hir sin may be layed to hir charge, that she may be movit to the grytter humiliatioun, and that she find caution to satisfie the kirk as she salbe injoynit. *Confessio* Wod and Wilsoun.

The quhilk day, Archibald Thomson tailyour callit comperit, and, being accusit for hanting suspitious cumpany with Jsobell Michell, denyit the samin; and oblissis him nevir to hant in suspitious maner with hir nor na uthe[r] woman, undir the pane of banishement. Act contrar Thomsoun.

Wedinsday, the last of Aprile, 1600.

The quhilk day, Jhone Lessellis and Bessie Wishank comperit and being accusit for carnall copulatioun confest the samin, and that undir prome[is] of mariage. They ar ordinit to mak humiliation Sonday nixt befoir the pulpeit, and thaireftir to be mareit. *Confessio* Lessellis, Wishank.

Wedinsday, the vij of Maii, 1600.

Confessio Michell.

The quhilk day, comperit Jssobell Michell in the Grange, and being accusit confest she hes procreat ane bairn to Jhone Bowar, to quhom she hes born tua bairnis of befoir, the last being born within this xiiij dayis last bypast. The session, in respect of hir present inhabilitie, remittis hir punishment till she be habill to travell.

Dilation contrar Arthur, &c.

The quhilk day, Mr. George Glaidstanes minister declarit that the allegeit insolent behaviour of the four men that war the slayaris of unquhile James Smyth wes motioned at the last Synodall Assemblie in Dysart, and in speciall the evill behaviour and exempill gevin be William Arthur in drawing of ane sourd to Dauid Dalgleishe; and thairfoir desyrit the bretheren to concur with him for suppressing of that insolence if ony war; and [the sessioun][1] ordinis Mr. Johne Sharp, delater thairof to the said Assemblie, to be warnit to compeir and verifie his dilatioun upon Wedinsday nixt, and the said William Arthour and Dauid Dalgleishe to be warnit to the said day.[2]

Wedinsday, the xiiij of Maii, 1600.

Confessio Lermonth, Scott.

The quhilk day, James Lermonth, son to Patrik Lermonth in Nydie, callit comperit, and being accusit confest fornication with Margaret Scott, and that be procreation of ane bairn to him. It being relaps on his part, he is ordanit to sitt tua Saboth dayis, and the ouk dayis interjectit, on the penitent stule, and hes offerit viij lib. to the puir in composition of his penaltie conform to the Act of Parliament; and the said Margret to be warnit to this day viij dayis.

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[1] Omitted.

[2] The session had to be spurred on in this case; for, on the 17th of July, 'the Presbyterie ordanis the sessioun of Sanctandrois, as thei will ansuer to God and to the Presbyterie, to tak ordour with the murthereris of umquhile James Smyth, and to follow furth the discipline of the Kirk aganis them, according to the Actis of the Generall Assemblie and practeis of the Kirk, *primo quoque tempore*; with certificatioun that gif thei failyie heirin the Presbyterie will tak ordour with them' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*).

Wedinsday, the xxj of Maii, 1600.

The quhilk day, Alexander Craighall, Johne Bowell, and James Craighall, cadgeris, for braking of the Saboth day, ar ordinit to mak humiliation Sonday nixt. Alexander Robertsoun flesheour, for striking of Androw Scott, to mak repentance Sonday nixt; and is becum actit, that if he be fund to committ the lyik fault heireftir, that he sall mak publik repentance in seck claith, or utherwayis fund culpabill that he sall incur the lyik punishment.

Decreit contrar Craighall, [Bowell, Craighall]; and Robertson actit.

Wedinsday, the xxviij of Maii, 1600.

James Robertsoun mercheand callit comperit, and, being desyrit to pay the tuentie li. left be unquhile Thomas Reky to the puir, he beand his executor, ansuerit he wes superexspendit be his intromissioun, and thairfoir his air suld pay the said legacie.

Anent xx li. of Rekyis legacie.

The tenentis of Kincapill being callit comperit, and, being accusit for abusing of the Saboth day upon Trinitie Sonday last, confest that thair wes sum strangeris com that day thair, and sum prophanation wes usit in that towne, bot thai nather did it nor allowit thairof; and thairfoir war admonist to stay the lyik in tyme cuming, quhilk thai promeist to do to thair powar.

Anent Kincaple, Trinitie Sonday.

Wedinsday, the fourt of Junii, 16[00].

The quhilk day, Robert Hammiltoun and Margaret Thom[son being] callit comperit, and being accusit confest fornicatioun to g[idder]. He hes offerit iiij lib. for his penaltie, and she to be imp[ressoned], and bayth to mak thair repentance.

Confessio Hammiltoun, Thomson.

The quhilk day, the bretheren finding that upon the Saboth d[ay] eftir nune, in this somer seasoun, the peopill convenis sua frequentlie to preaching that the kirk may nocht con[veni]entlie contene thame, speciallie na preaching being in S[anct] Leonardis College; thairfoir thai desyrit Mr. George Gl[aidstanes] to teache ilk Saboth day eftir nune, in the Auld College Kir[k], and the haill North Gait and Mercat Gait to resort

Anent teaching and catechizing ilk Saboth day in the paroche kirk and colledge kirk 3 tymes.

thairto; and the elderis and deaconis of the samin tua gaittis to keip the samin tymes of divyne service, and to adverteis thair quarteris thairof; as also cathechizing to be betuix fyve and sex houris at n[ycht] upon the Saboth day, to witt, be Mr. George Glaidstanes [*or Mr. Robert Zule*—deleted] in the Auld College Kirk, and be Mr. Dauid Lindes[ay] in the paroche kirk; and everie elder and deacon, as it fall[is to] thame *per vices*, to keip the said hour with thair quarter, as they salbe warnit to that effect; and this Act to be intimat upon Sonday nixt.

Anent Trinitie Sonday and Kincapill tenentis thair repentance.

The quhilk day, Androw Month, in Kincapill, Jhon Froster, Thoma[s] Watsoun and Archibald Wan thair, callit comperit and being accusit confest thair violatioun of the Saboth day callit Trinitie Sonday last wes, in playing at the futball and uther pastyme; and thairfoir ar ordinit to mak humiliation upon Sonday nixt, and the rest of that toun and uther townes thairabout, that committit the lyik fault the said day, to be tryit and chargeit literallie.

Wedinsday, the xj of Junii, 1600.

Confessio Blythe pyper.

William Blythe, pyper in Leucharis, callit comperit, and being accusit confest he violat the Saboth day in playing upon Trinitie Sonday last wes in Kincapill; and thairfoir is ordinit to mak humi[li]ation Sonday nixt.

Communioun and examinationis.

The bretheren hes appointit the communioun to be celebrat th[e] last Sonday of Julii, and the first Sonday of August nixt, an[d] the examinationis to begin on Moninday nixt, and to continew mo[rning] and evening the haill ouk dayis except in tyme of preachin[g]. The South Gait pepill to be examinat in the parroche kirk, an[d] the North Gait and Mercat Gait in the College Kirk, and ne[w] rollis to be maid be the deacones to that effect.

Pure helpit.

Elspot Drummond to get tua s. oukly; James Moreis, sumtyme maltm[an], to resave xl d. ouklie during the will of the session, for support of him and his bairnis.

Wedinsday, the xviij of Junii, 1600.

Jhone Blyithe, adulterar with Jsobell Lowrie, and Margaret

Thomsoun, *fornicatrix* with Robert Hammiltoun, war absolvit upon Sonday last wes. [Bl]ythe and Thomson absolvit.

Androw Month, Jhone Forester, Thomas Watson, and Archibald Wann, in Kincapill, for braking of the Saboth day; Alexander Robertson and Johne Cuke flesheris, for fechting to gidder, maid repentance upon Sonday last. Decreit satisfeit.

Mr. Hew Lindesay and Jeane Auchmowtie contractit in mariage, Jhon Ramsay maltman and Helene Geddie contractit also togidder, and pandis consignit be thame conform to the ordour. Contractis past.

The quhilk day, it is thocht expedient that the ministeris travell with the possessouris of the alterageis to dimit the samin in favour of the kirk and puir of this citie; and Patrik Guthrie, possessour of ane alterage worth sex ℔. yeirly, hes dimittit the samin in favouris of the kirk and puir presentlie. Anent the alterageis.

Wedinsday, the xxv of Junii, 1600.

The quhilk day, Jhon Gardner, now in Langraw, callit comperit and being accusit confest fornication with Jsobell Hagy in Fedinshe, quhair he than duelt. He hes offerit four ℔b. to the puir, and is ordinit to begin his repentance this day viij dayis. *Confessio* Gairdner, Hagie.

The quhilk day, Charlis Dik tailyour, for prophaning of the Saboth day, quhilk wes Trinitie Sonday last wes, in the towne of Kincapill, in dansing and ryiotus usage thair, and for abusing of ane woman in Balgove on the feildis thair, all denyit be him be ane suorn aith frelie gevin, the contrar being verifeit, he is ordinit to mak repentance in sek claith Friday and Sonday nixt, on the penitent stule, and to pay xx s. to the puir. Decreit contrar Dik tailyour.

The quhilk day, the parochianeris of this parochin to landwart being summond to this day, the comperantis of that number being frequent, they all for thame selffis thair famileis servan[dis] and tenentis desyrit thame to be resavit and usit in this parrochin as they and thair predicessouris hes bene of auld, and that the minis[teris] of Sanctandrois as thair ministeris and pastouris celebrat to thame the communioun baptisme and mariage, and that thai may be haldin undir disciplene to that effect, and that ane number of thame may be chosin as elderis Anent the landwart parochin and thair elderis electit.

to owersie the maneris of the rest. To the quhilk desyir Mr. [*George Glaidstanes*—deleted] present minister consentit for a tyme, quhill better ordour be takin be the kirk thairanent;[1] and nominat and electit Martine Carstorphene, Thomas Carstaris, Alexander Wod of Lambelathem, George Ramsay of Langraw, Alexander Dudinginstoun, Johne Jnglis of Stratyrhim, Jhon Dewar, Alexander Scott, and Andro Michell, as

[1] The following extracts show that the Presbytery had not yet overlooked this matter. 'September vj°. 1599. . . . To be advysit with the Synod quhat ordour salbe takin with the landwart paroche of Sanctandrois, in respect sum townes thairof ar adjacent to kirkis of uthir parrochins; and that ordour to be followit furth be the Presbiterie immediatlie eftir harvest' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). '*Aprilis* 29, [1602.] . . . Ordanis Mr. Dauid Lyndesay to charge the gentlemen of the landwart paroche of St. Androis to compeir befoir the Presbyterie for satisfeing of the Act of the Synodall' (*Ibid.*). 'Maii 6, [1602.] . . . Ordanis the ministeris of St. Androis to charge the gentlemen of the landwart paroche publictlie out of pulpit to compeir the nixt day' (*Ibid.*). 'Maii 13, [1602.] . . . Compeirit sum of the gentlemen of the landwart of St. Androis, quha declarit thair guid lyking to have a kirk in the landwart. The rest to be warnit to compeir the nixt day, and the contract maid of befoir concerning that purpose to be socht and produceit' (*Ibid.*). 'Maii 20, [1602.] . . . Ordanis the ministeris of St. Androis to warne the gentlemen of the landwart paroche of St. Androis to meit on Wednesday nixt, upoun the ground callit Waterles, with certane of the brether of the Presbyterie nominat to that effect, viz., Mris. Robert Wilkie, Robert Durie, William Marche, Da. Mernis, William Erskyne, Jhon Dykis, with the ministeris of St. Androis, that thei may aggrie upoun the situatioun of the kirk to be biggit' (*Ibid.*). 'Junii 17, [1602.] . . . Ordanis to wreit to the gentlemen of the landwart paroche of St. Androis to convene this day aucht dayis, to aggrie upon the situatioun of the kirk, be reason thai wer stayit the last day be the rayne' (*Ibid.*). 'Junii 24, [1602.] . . . Ordanis Mr. Dauid Lyndsay to summond the gentlemen of the landwart parochyne of St. Androis publictlie out of pulpitt, to be present this day aucht dayis or xv dayis at the fardest, that thei may aggrie upon the situatioun of the kirk; with certificatioun, if thei faill, the Presbyterie will designe the place' (*Ibid.*). Even this threat of the Presbytery did little to hasten the erection of the proposed new church. The landward gentlemen, the kirk-session and the Presbytery were to be still exercised concerning it; for—hindered by 'the iniquity of tymes'—the building was not begun until the General Assembly of 1642 moved in the matter. On the 20th of February 1645, by which time the new kirk was almost finished and a glebe mortified, Parliament ratified the Act of 1592, (see *supra*, p. 782 n.), 'in the boundes and landes heirefter specifeit . . . Kinnadie, Gillmerstoun, Carrin [? Carngour], Over and Nether Gregestoun, Wilkistoun, Drumcarro, Dunorke, Fedinosche, Wnthanke, Langraw, Pryerlethane, Lambielethane, Craigtoun, Cassindonat, and Camroun: quhilkes tounes and landes the Estates of Parliament divides and disjoynes from the old parishe kirke, and ordeanes the said new kirke to be called the kirke of Camroun' (*Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, vol. vi. part i. p. 332).

elderis, and ordanis thame to compeir Sonday nixt to accept the samin office on thame.

Sonday, the xxix of Junii, 1600.

The quhilk day, Charlis Dik tailyour, haveing maid humilia-[tioun] upon Fryday last, and at his resaving this day Mr. George G[laid]stanes minister demanding of him if he had repented him [of] his faultis and offence aganis God, for the quhilk he wes c[om]pellit be decreit to mak repentance, ansuerit that part of his wordis and the decreit wes trew and partly utherwayis; for the quhilk he wes dimittit bot nocht absolvit, and the magistrattis requestit to punishe him condignely. Charlis Dik nocht absolvit bot disobedient.

The landwart elderis chosin comperit this day and acceptit thair offices upon thame. Elderis resavit.

Wedinsday, the secund of Julii, 1600.

The bretheren ar ordinit to produce thair pursis (appointed for uplifting of the penalteis of thais quha bannis or suearis in thair audience) aganis Wedinsday nixt. Anent baning and suearing.

Dauid Pentlen and his wyiff, being eageit unhabill and puir, ar appointed to be intertyneit in the hospitall of this citie. Pure to the hospitall.

Wedinsday, the ix of Julii, 1600.

The quhilk day, William Wilson and Jhone Meluill in Ardet being callit comperit, and being accusit confest thai prophanit the Saboth day callit Trinitie Sonday last, being in the toun of Kincapill at thair pastyme. They ar ordinit to mak repentance Sonday nixt, and ilk ane of thame to pay xx s. to the puir. Decreit contrar Wilsoun, Meluill.

The quhilk day, Duncan Lindesay, servitour to Mr. James Wemis of Lathoker, callit comperit, and confest fornication with Effame Stanes be procreatioun of ane chyld. He hes offerit four ℔. to the pure, and is ordinit to begin his repentance upon Sonday nixt. *Confessio* Lindesay, Stanes.

Sonday, the xiij of Julii, 1600.

The quhilk day, the minister maid intimation out of pulpeit

Anent the landwart for communioun.

to the landwart parrochin, that thai compeir and heir the preaching upon this day aucht dayis, in the Auld College Kirk befoir nune, for thair better preparation to the communioun.

[Hammilton, Wilson, Meluill, Henderson and Macky] absolvit.

Robert Hammiltoun, fornicatour with Margaret Thomsoun, William Wilson mariner, Jhon Meluill in Ardett, Jhon Henderson in Erlishall, and Andro Macky in Leucharis, for violating the Saboth callit Trinitie Sonday last in Kincapill, maid humiliation and war absolvit.

Wedinsday, the xvj of Julii, 1600.

Nycht walkeris admoneist[1] and actitat.

The quhilk day, Alexander Winchister, son to Dauid Winchister, George Winchister, son to Alexander Winchister, James Kenlowy, William Staig, Andro Lawson, and Duncan Gibson, callit comperit, and being accusit for nycht walking and playing at kairttis and dyce,[2] and uther uncumlie exercises, they confest the samin, and ar becum bund that, if thai be fund with the lyik fault, [thai ar][3] to mak repentance publiklie.

Wedinsday, the xxiij of Julii, 1600.

Anent the communioun.

The quhilk day, in respect of divers occasiones offerit, and sp[eciallie] seing the landwart parochin is imponit latlie upon th[air] ministeris of this kirk, and the landwart pepill nocht being yit examinat be thame, nor thair names tane up in roll, nather is the pepill of this citie all examinat nor utherwayis prepared as thai aucht to be; it is thairfoir ordinit that the communion be celebrat the first and secund Sondayis of August.

Alexander Ferry actitat.

The quhilk day, Alexander Ferrie tailyour callit comperit, and, being accusit for nycht walking playing at kairttis and dyce in evill cumpany, confest the samin; and being admonished he is becum bund of his awin frie will and consent, that if he be fund culpabill in the lyik fault, or utherwayis sclanderous

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[1] *Admoneist* in MS.

[2] Dr. Ames, in preaching in St. Mary's, Cambridge, in or about 1610, condemned 'all playing at cards and dice, affirming that the latter in all ages was accounted the device of the devil; that as God invented the one-and-twenty letters whereof he made the Bible, the devil, saith an author [Antonius], found out the one-and-twenty pricks of the die (Fuller's *University of Cambridge*, 1840, p. 301).

[3] Omitted.

offensive or disobedient to the kirk or magistratis, that he sall pay tuentie merkis to the puir, and suffer sic uther punishment as salbe injoynit to him.

Wedinsday, the penult of August, 1600.

The quhilk day, Robert Dryburgh in Raderny and Mergaret Bruce callit comperit, and being accusit confest fornication and relaps on hir pairt. He hes offerit four l̃ib. to the puir, and to begin his repentance Wedinsday nixt; and she is committit to pressoun, and ordinit to satisfie as ane relaps of fornicatioun. *Confessio* Dryburgh, Bruce.

The quhilk day, William Arthour callit comperit, and being accusit for geving sclander to this congregatioun throught his evill behaviour mony wayis, and for geving occasioun to the party offendit be him, viz., Jhone and Henry Smythis, and the Welwodis, and thair complices, to be instigat aganis him, and for trubling of this citie and certane neychtbouris thairin, be fechting divers tymes, and for hanting of prophane and evill cumpany sen his relaxatioun from the fearfull sentence of excommunicatioun; the said William confessit the foirsaid accusatioun haillielie, and thairfoir submittit him selff in the will of the sessioun, quha decernit as followis: In the first they think him on worthie to participat the communioun approcheing, requesting the baillies be thair decreit aganis him to satisfie the commoun greif of this congregatioun for his inordinat behaviour, and continewis all forder punishment to be inflictit upon him till thai be advysit thairanent; ordaining him in the menetyme undir all hiest pane to resort to the preaching and cathechizing for his better instruction in godlines, and for information to his conscience, quhilk thai think to be verie hard and ignorant; quhilk he hes promeist to obey in all thingis as God will grant him habilitie. And Mr. Patrik Arthour accusit for careing of his suord with him, and han[t]ing of sic places as may move his party, the Welwodis, &c., aganis him; and demanding of him if he continewit in that repentance uterit be him at his relaxation from excommunicatioun,[1] ansuerit he careit his suord only to defend him

William Arthur accusit and actitat.

Mr. Patrik Arthur.

[1] *The communion* in MS.

self fra injurie, and that he hantit na place quhilk he mycht eschew as he suld ansuer to God; and that he remanet[1] penitent for his fault, and wald wish to be reconcilit with his party. They continew thair ansuer till the party be travellit with.

The names of the elderis and deaco[nes, quha ar] appointed to serve the communioun ta[ibillis], to be celebrat the nixt tua Saboth dayis.

Anent the serving of communioun taibillis.

Mr. Dauid Russell, Patrik Guthrie, Mr. William Russell, Thomas Lentren elder, Mr. William Wemis, Mr. Henry Russell, Dauid Winchister, Androw Welwod, Andro Watson and George Nairn, elderis; Martine Lummisden, George Lummisden, Dauid Tailzour, Robert Williamsoun, Johne Myles, Johne Greg, Nicoll Mayne, Daniell Millar, Androw Gulen and Androw Carnwath, deacones; and of the landwart elderis, Martine Carstorphine, portionar of Byrehillis, George Ramsay, of Langraw, Alexander Wod, of Lambelathem, Thomas Carstaris, portionar of New Grange, and Alexander Dudingistoun, in Raderny; and to collect the tiquotis, Dauid Every and Patrik Guthrie; and for collecting of the almous, Mr. William and Mr. Henry Russellis; and for the keiping of the breid and wyne, Thomas Diksoun and Nicoll Mayne; and for collecting of the almous at the College Kirk dur, Dauid Tailzour: and this for the first Saboth. And the haill remanent elderis and deacones, alsweill of this citie as of the landwart parochin, to serve the taibillis the secund day of the communioun; and Mr. William Cok and Stephane Philp to collect the almous, and Androw Welwod and Dauid Skinner clerk to collect the tiquotis, the said day.

Pure helpit.

The quhilk day, George Nairn youngar is appointed to resave fiftie s., for the cure done be him at desyir of the session to ane pure scholaris finger.

Friday, the aucht of August, 1600.

Decreit contrar Smyth.

The quhilk day, Johne Smyth *alias* Wobstar is ordinit to pay xx s. for the fault maid be his servand, in laying out skynnis

[1] *Remanent* in MS.

to dry the last Saboth day on the calsay, to the sclander of this congregatioun.

Wedinsday, the xiij of August, 1600.

The quhilk day, James Forbes and Effame Pattoun in Radderny comperit and confest fornicatioun to gidder, and ar committit to pressoun, quhill thai find caution to satisfie the disciplene of this kirk. *Confessio* Forbes, Patton.

The quhilk day, Robert Venneson flescheour callit comperit, and, being accusit for laying furth of skynnis upon the calsay on the Saboth day, confest the fault wes done be his servand by[1] his knawlege, and thairfoir he promeist to gif that servand his leve, and that nane of his servandis sall do the lyik heireftir, uther wayis he sall pay for thair fault. Phenesoun admonist.

Comperit Margaret Scott in Litill Drone, and being accusit confest hir to be relaps in fornicatioun be procreation of tua bairnis to James Lermonth, son to Patrik Lermonth portioner of Drone. She is committit to pressoun till she find caution to satisfie conform to the ordour of this sessioun. *Confessio* Scott, Lermonth.

Friday, the xv of August, 1600.

The quhilk day, Margaret Scott being brocht furth of presoun to [ansuer] for fornication confest be hir of befoir with James Lermonth, [she] now declarit that the tua bairnis quhilkis she hes borne war [gottin] upon hir be Patrik Lermonth, father to the said James, and that [she] had nevir carnall copulatioun with the said James, as she suld ansuer to God; and thairfoir [the sessioun][2] ordanis the saidis Patrik and James Leirmonthis to be warnit to Wedinsday nixt. *Confessio* Scott, Lermonth.

Sattirday, the xvj day of August, 1600.

The quhilk day, Alexander Millar wrycht callit comperit, and, being accusit for braking the Act maid with his consent the 26 of December last wes, in reparing to St. Lenardis kirk on the Saboth dayis, and refuising to repair to his ordinar paroche kirk, confest the samin. He is thairfoir ordinit to Decreit contrar Millar.

[1] That is, without.

[2] Omitted.

mak repentance the morne, and promittis nevir to contravene the said Act heirefter.

Protestatioun aganis the minister of St. Leonardis.

The quhilk day, the bretheren finding that the communion aucht only to be ministrat [in][1] the paroche kirk of Sanctandrois to the inhabitantis of the towne and Abbay, lyikas it hes bene done thairin only, sen the reformation of religion and of befoir, and nevir as yit in St. Leonardis kirk, thairfoir ordinis ane number of the session to pas to Mr. Robert Wilkie, and inhibite him that he ministrat [nocht][1] the communioun to any of the induellaris of the towne, at the leist to any duelling within the Abay, haveing na pretext of cullour to accept of thame; and if the said Mr. Robert refuis, to protest in the contrar for remeid, as lyik [wyis][1] desyres Mr. William Cok, Dauid Every and Androw Forrett, baillies, and with thame Dauid Watsoun and the thesaurar, to await [on][1] and command all sic personis as is undir thair auctoritie nocht to communicat in St. Leonardis kirk Sonday nixt.[2]

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[1] Omitted.

[2] In 1591 the Presbytery had appointed Wilkie to teach the Word, minister the sacraments, and exercise discipline, within the bounds of his parish (*supra*, p. 683, n.); in September 1592 a witness, before the kirk-session of St. Andrews, alleged that 'Mr. Robert Wilkie baptizit hir barn in St. Leonardis kirk' (*supra*, p. 728); and on the 25th of November 1596, 'Robert Kay and Jonett Methuen, adultereris in the parochin of St. Leonardis,' appeared before the Presbytery, 'confessit the fault, and wer ordenit to satisfie according to Act of the Generall Assemblie in the said kirk' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). The following entry shows that St. Leonards had a kirk session as well as a minister of its own. 'Apryll 14, [1597] . . . Compeired Robert Kay, who had committed adulterie with Jonett Methuen, duelling in St. Leonardis paroche. Mr. Robert Wilkie thair minister reportit that the said Robert had satisfeit in thair kirk according to the ordour, and thairfoir cravit that he sould be receavit in the bosome of the Kirk agane; quhairfoir the brithering refarris him to his particular sessioun' (*Ibid.*). That there was some uncertainty, however, as to the bounds of St. Leonards parish is apparent. '*Octobris* 21, [1596] . . . The questioun being proponit be Mr. Dauid Blak quhat wes the boundis of the parichun of St. Leonardis, the dissisioun quhairoff wes refarrit till Mr. Nicoll Dalglesche wer present' (*Ibid.*). The trouble in which Black was speedily involved (see *supra*, p. 823, n.) doubtless prevented the 'redding of the marches' at that time. Wilkie seems to have felt the combined duties of Principal and minister to be rather hard on him; and therefore, on the 8th of February 1598-9, 'desyrit of the Presbytrie that it micht be leisoum to Mris. William Marche, Daniel Wilkie, and the rest of the maisteris of philosophie in that colledge that ar upon the exerceis, to helpe him upon Soundayis efter none; quhilk desyre the brithering grantit' (*Ibid.*).

Sonday, the xvij of August, 1600.

The quhilk day, Margaret Scott, being of new brocht fra presson to the session, and demandit quha wes father of the tua bairnis she had borne, ansuerit, as of befoir, that Patrik Lermonth wes only thair father, and that he nevir intysed hir to say uthirwayis, and that she nevir tauld quha wes father of the bairnis befoir Wedinsday last, and that becaus it wes nevir demandit of hir. The said James comperit and abaid constantlie at his formar confession, that he wes the father of the saids bairnis, and that he had to do with hir divers tymes in the place of Nydie. And the said Patrik Lermonth, being demandit if evir he had to d[o] with the said Margaret, and if he wes the father of hir tua bairnis, ansuerit, he wald wish God to sinck his saule in hell if he evir had to do with Margaret Scott, or knawis quhidde[r] she be man or woman bot be sicht. Thaireftir the said Margret and James being confrontit, he affirmit that he had gottin the bairnis with hir, and eftir lang disputation she said gif James wald do his dewitie she wald declair the veritie, and he promittand to do the samin, she than said the bairnis war his; and that the said Patrik his father had nevir to do with hir, quhilk wes of treuth; and that ane Beatrix Blak in Carslogy had suborned hir to father the bairnis on the said Patrik. Upon the quhilk declarat[ion] the sessioun absolvit the said Patrik of the said sclander, and or[danit] the samin to be published out of pulpett.

Confessio Scott, Lermonth.

Absolutio Lermonth.

Wedinsday, the xx of August, 1600.

The quhilk day, Agnes Lawsoun, dochter to unquhile Walt[er Lawsoun], comperit, and being accusit confest to have procreat an[e bairn to] Thomas Scott, citiner of this citie, he haveand ane mareit wy[ffe] on lyve. Comperit the said Thomas, and denyit the samin *simp*[*liciter*]. They ar warnit *apud acta* to the nixt day.

[*Confe*]*ssio* [*ad*]*ulterii* Lawsoun, Scott.

Sonday, the xxiiij of August, 1600.

The quhilk day, Mr. George Glaidstanes minister intimat out of pulpeit to the pepill ane ordinance sett doun be his

Anent preaching on Twisday and

Thurisday, and the sessioun also.

Majestie, Commissionaris of the Kirk, and Secreit Counsale, that, in respect of his Majesteis lait delyverie fra the gryt and eminent treasoun intendi[t] aganis his Majestie upon ane Tyisday, it wes thocht meit that in [all] tyme cuming the preaching on the weik dayis sould be upone Twisday and Thurisday, and nocht upon Wedinsday and Friday as of befoir, and thairfoir desyrit the pepill to keip the saidis dayis ordinarly; and als that the session is appointit to be haldin ilk Twisday at tua houris, at the ringing of the gryt bell, as wes of befoir upon ilk Wedinsday.[1]

Anent the shearing, &c., on the Saboth day.

The quhilk day, it is thocht meit that the elderis of landwart advert that nane of the landwart brak the Saboth in shearing leding or labouring of thair cornes in this harvest season approcheing, requesting the maisteris of tenentis to lat thame have tyme to sheir thair cornes on the wark dayis, and that the saidis elderis report and delait the contravenaris of this Act.

Tyisday, the xxvj of August, 1600.

Anent the baptizing of bairnes.

The quhilk day, it is ordinit that intimatioun be maid, Sonday nixt, that these quha hes bairnis to be baptizit heireftir sall nocht onl[y] cum to the minister quha sould baptize thame, bot also to M[r.] Robert Zule [*blank*],[2] quha hes the

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[1] Besides this mode of commemorating the King's delivery from the 'Gowrie Conspiracy,' Parliament ordained, 'that in all tymes and ages to cum the fyft day of August sall yeirlie be appointit and keipit, in all the presbiteries and parochines within this realme and boundis of his haill dominiouns, for publict preacheingis, prayeris and solempne thankis geving to God, ffor his great mercie and favour grantit to this realme and everie member thairof, be his Majesteis gracious and miraculous preservatioun as said is upoun the said day' (*Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland*, iv. 214). The Privy Council took care that this Act should be known, by specially directing that it should be proclaimed (*Register of Privy Council*, vi. 256-258).

[2] Probably *reader* or *vicar* has been scraped out. As to his standing see *supra*, p. 742, n. On the 20th of May 1602, 'Mr. Robert Zuill, oft chargit now compeirand, wes fund falt with for nocht frequenting the Presbyterie, and exerceising as it fell him; and for urging him heirto ordanis that the *Presbyterie Buik* be produceit the nixt day, that it may be knawin quhat calling he hes to the ministerie.' At the next weekly meeting, 'the *Presbyterie Buik* being produceit according to the ordinance, and the Actis tuiching Mr. Robert Zuillis calling enterie and functioun in the ministerie being red and considerit, the

Register of the Baptizme, th[at] he may have the parentis names, and that he gif ane tiquot thairof to the minister, that thai may be callit befoir baptizme, and nane uthirwayis to be resavit.

The quhilk day, comperit Thomas Scott and Agnes Lawsoun, and being accusit of adultrie, the said Agnes constantlie

Confession Lawsoun, denyall Scott.

Presbyterie findis that the said Mr. Robert wes presentit to the ministerie, tryit and found sufficientlie qualifeit, edictis lauchtfullie servit for his admissioun to the ministerie, and na oppositioun, and that he hes bene exerceising the same in teiching and exhortatioun; therfoir ordanis him to awayt on the Presbyterie as the rest of the brether.' On the same day 'certane of the consell and sessioun of St. Androis gave in ane protestatioun in wreit aganis the admission of Mr. Robert Zuill to be thair minister, to quhom wes ansuerit, The Presbyterie wes making no new admissioun of him but trying his former admissioun' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). Next year the question of his standing came again before the Presbytery, for, on the 5th of October 1603, they had to choose a moderator. 'Upoun the winter leitis wer Mris. Dauid Lyndesay, Robert Zuill, George Narne, quha being removeit, in the voting the question wes moved be Mr. George Gladstanes quhether Mr. Robert Zuill wes capable of that office; quhilk being speirit about at the brethrene (for satisfactioun of the said Mr. George), it wes concludit be all that the said Mr. Robert Zuill wes capable of the office of moderatioun, be reasoun he wes ane presbyter. Lykwyis the said Mr. Robert wes chosen moderator be pluralitie of votes. Mr. George Gladstanis protestit aganis the chosing of Mr. Robert Zuill moderatour, alledging he wes nather pastour nor doctour; and requyrit his protestatioun to be noted. Mr. Robert Zuill, being requyrit to accept the said office being chosen be consent of all, understanding of Mr. Georgeis contradictioun, takis to be advysit till this day xv dayis, quhilk wes grantit to him be the Presbyterie.' On the 20th of October, 'Mr. Robert Zuill be absenting him self fra the Presbyterie appeiring to refuis the office of moderatioun, therfoir the Presbyterie ordanis Mr. Dauid Lyndsay to charge him to be present the nixt day that he may shew his resolutioun.' Being present on the 27th, he answered—'That as for him self he haid the warrand of his calling fra God, his Kirk, and the Kingis Majestie, comparable and beyond ony that wald challenge his calling, to be a teacher of the people of Sanctandrois; alwayis desyris the Presbyterie to satisfie Mr. George his doubt. The quhilk wes continewit to a fuller Presbyterie.' On the 3d of November, 'Mr. Robert Zuill, chargit as of befoir according as he wes chosen to accept, cravit as befoir the Presbyterie to satisfie Mr. George, albeit he him self wes fullie satisfeit and haid the approbatioun of the Presbyterie, utherwyis refuissis. Upon quhilk ansuer the Presbyterie for the present thocht guid that ane new leit be maid, and ane new moderatour to be chosen until the said questioun be decydit' (*Ibid.*). There is no later reference to his fitness for the moderatorship in the early volume of the *Register of the Presbytery*; but, on the 30th of August 1604, 'Mr. Robert Zuill cravit the Presbyteries advys and warrand, tuiching ane requeist of Mr. George Gledstanis to him to occupie his place upoun the Saboth efter none and Fryday. The Presbytrie givis thair approbatioun and allowance thairto' (*Ibid.*).

affirmit that he gat the bairn with hir betuix St. Androis and the Grange, immediatlie be[foir] Lambes in *anno* 1599, upon ane Sonday befoir nune, at the Grange Cro[?ss], thai haveing appointed that meitting the Sattirday preceding—in presens o[f] the said Thomas, denyand the samin and everie point thairof; in resp[ect] quhairof the mater is referrit to forder tryell.

Anent bellis ringing to the preaching.

It is thocht expedient that in tyme cuming the small bell ring first to the preaching; the great bell to the secund; and the small and gryt bellis to ring in the thrid bell to preaching to gid[der].

Sonday, the last day of August, 160[0].

My Lord Duikis gracis ratificatioun of the Abay to be in the parochin of St. Androis.

The quhilk day, comperit ane michtie lord, Ludouik S[tewart, Duik] of Lenox, &c., Commendatar of the Priorie of St. Androis, [and], in presens of the bretheren in sessioun, declarit that his l[ordship] as superiour of the Abbay wald keip the paroche kirk of Sanctandrois as his ordinar paroche kirk, as his predicessouris had done; and that his lordship acknowlegeit the haill inhabitantis within the presinct of the Abay to be subject to the disciplene of Sanc[t]androis paroche kirk only; and that his lordship wald nevir consent to any separatioun, bot that his lordshipis houshauld and remanent personis within the Abay sould repair to the kirk of San[ct]androis as to thair ordinar kirk, and to na uthir kirk; and thairfoir his lordship requestit the sessioun to charge the saidis personis within the presinct of the Abay to cum befoir thame, and that his lordship suld assist the sessioun in case of disobedienc[e,] as his lordship hes presentlie promeist to charge thame with his awin mouthe to repair to this kirk, on the Saboth dayis befoir and eftir nune and uthir ordinar dayis, as to thair ordinar and only paroche kirk.[1] [*A line scraped out.*]

[1] This was evidently intended to prevent those residing within the precincts of the Abbey from attending worship in St. Leonards. As previously mentioned (*supra*, p. 934 n.) there was some dubiety as to the bounds of that small parish, and there appears to have been some friction, if not jealousy, between the ministers of St. Andrews and St. Leonards. 'November 6, [1600] . . . The quhilk day, complanit Mr. Robert Wilky, Rectour, and minister of St. Leonardis paroche, upoun Mr. Dauid Lyndesay, ane of the ministeris of St. Androis, that

Tyisday, the xvj[1] of September, 1600.

The quhilk day, it is concludit and inactit that the kirk beddell and officiar sall warn all partyis complanit upon, as he salbe desyrit, to the sessioun, with thair witnessis, and sall exact aucht penny[is] for warning of ilk pairty, and four d. for ilk witnes, and na forder to be exactit. Officiar his fee for warning.

Twisday, the xxiij of September, 1600.

Jhone Arnott, commissar clerk, and Annas Wod, dochter to Arthour Wod, contractit in mariage, and pand to be consignit. Commissar clerk contractit.

The quhilk day, Alexander Winchister, son to Dauid Winchister, callit comperit, and being accusit of fornication with Jsobell Foular denyit the samin be a gryt aith suorn, and thaireftir confest the samin, be procreation of ane chyld to him, and is trelaps on his part. They have ordinit him to be imprissoned till he find caution to satisfie the kirk. *Confessio* Winchister, Foular.

The quhilk day, comperit Johne Thomson in Stratyrhim, and being accusit confest fornication with Cristen Downe in Balcaithlie. He is committit to pressoun, and ordinit to begin his repentance Twisday nixt. *Confessio* Thomsoun.

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he haid mareit ane of his congregatioun without his testimoniall or advys: quhilk the Presbyterie referrit to certane of thair brether to be advysit, to wit, Mris. Andro Meluill, James Meluill, William Walwod, and Johne Carmichaell; quha reportit that thei did repute it ane greit owersicht and uncharitable deiling; and thair advys wes that heirefter the ministeris of St. Androis deill in charity tuiching the parochine, and the congregatioun of St. Leonardis to have thair libertie as of befoir untill the boundis of the said parochyne be defynit. And the remanent of the Presbyterie, being demandit concerning the premissis, allowit and ratifeit both the censure and advys. And notwithstanding heirof, the Presbyterie aggreit that this suld ly ower till sum charitable forme of aggrement wer maid betuix the saidis pairteis; and this movit be the said Mr. Dauidis sute, and faythfull promeis that nothing suld be done be him, or his colleg, in prejudice of the congregatioun of St. Leonardis, till intimatioun be first maid be him to the Presbyterie' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). On the 11th of August 1603, 'Mr. Robert Wilkie, Rectour, complenis that the ministeris and sessioun of St. Androis ingyrit them self on thair discipline, in melling with offensis [nocht] committit in thair boundis. The Presbyterie ordanis the said sessioun to desist thairfra till thei tak tryell thairof' (*Ibid.*). A fortnight afterwards, 'Anent the complent givin in be Mr. Robert Wilkie, Rector, aganis the sessioun of St. Androis medling with thair discipline, the ministeris of St. Androis being present, the Presbyterie exhortis them both to keip them within thair awin boundis' (*Ibid.*).

[1] xv in MS.

Dilation aganis Robert Arthur.

The quhilk day, William Arthour callit comperit, and, being demandit if he wes present in the kirk of Logy, the viij or nynt day of Julii last, quhen Robert Arthour mareit Patrik Abircrombie and Agnes Forsyith, confest he wes present thairat with Mr. Johne Jnglis, Alexander Forsyith, and the Laird of Lochmalony, witnessis; and that the said Robert proclamed the bandis of the mariag[e] thryse, and syne procedit with the form of mariage contenit in the *Psalme Buik*;[1] and that he reprovit the said Robert in the menetyme, quha allegeit he had ane warrand of Mr. Robert Wilky and of the Bishop of Glasgw; and knew that the said Robert gat sextene lib. for his panes fra the said Patrik Abircromby.[2]

Sonday, the xxviij of September, 16[00].

Intimatioun for electioun of elderis and deacones.

The quhilk day, the sessioun, haveing lited of befoir [ane] nu[mber] of this congregatioun to beare office in the eldership and d[eacon]ship of this kirk for the yeir to cum, hes ordinit that thair n[ames] be red in pulpeit; and all personis, haveing interes to object a[ganis] thame or ather of thame quhy thai suld nocht bear the said of[fices], to be summond to compeir in this kirk upon Twisday nixt, to obj[ect aganis] the samin

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[1] That is in the *Book of Common Order* bound up with the *Psalm Book*.

[2] The attention of the Presbytery of St. Andrews had been directed to this case, on the 4th of September, by a commissioner sent from the Presbytery of Cupar. In his statement Agnes Forsyth is described as 'sumtyme spous to Hercules Myretoun, and dauchter to Margaret Bruce, Lady Bammulo;' and the marriage is said to have been performed by 'Robert Arthour in St. Androis and Mr. Andro Allane vicar of Leucheris.' The Presbytery ordered the ministers of the parishes in which the parties and witnesses resided to call them before their respective sessions, and to give in their reports next week, as also to summon them all to that meeting of Presbytery. Neither parties nor witnesses appeared on the 11th; but on the 18th of September, Glaidstanes reported that Robert Arthour had promised to come, 'and in cais he faylit wes content that the Presbyterie suld hald that mater quhairof he wes accusit *pro confesso*.' Witnesses were also examined and he was found guilty. The Presbytery therefore ordained 'the ministeris of Sanctandrois to charge him publictlie out of pulpit to compeir befoir the Synodall Assemblie at Dunfermling, thair to heir the sentence of the Kirk pronuncit aganis him; and the saidis ministeris to charge the said William Arthour befoir thame and report thair diligence to the Synode' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). It was in accordance with the latter part of this charge that William Arthour gave the evidence in the text.

and thai salbe hard; with certification, if nane compeir [the] said day to that effect, the election will proceid.

Twisday, the last day of September, 1600.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name of God, all person o[r] personis, haveing ony thing to object aganis the personis lited to b[e] elderis and deacones in this kirk for the yeir to cum, being lauchtfullie callit, as thai quha war lauchtfullie summond to that effect upon Sonday last, and intimatioun maid thairof this day, and nane comperand, lauchfull tyme of day bidden, the said electioun procedit ordourlie, quhais names followis. Elderis and deacones electit.

Maisteris George Glaidstanes and Dauid Lindesay ministeris.

Elderis.	Deacones.
Arthour Wod of Grenesyid	Gregorie Watsoun
Jhone Wemis of Craigtoun	George Nairne, youngar
Dauid Every	Androw Millar
Alexander Winchister	Jhone Carstaris, youngar
Mr. William Cok, baillie	Androw Diksoun
Mr. Dauid Russell, baillie	Jhone Coupar
Patrik Guthrie, baillie	Dauid Tailzour
Dauid Watson, Dene of Gild	Walter Gibsoun
Mr. Robert Maull	Jhone Maire
Dauid Maull of Both, commissar	William Gudefallo
Jhone Arnott, clerk	Androw Adamsoun
Mr William Russell	Jhone Huniman
Mr. Henry Russell	Jhone Myrtoun
Mr George Mernis	James Tailzour
Mr William Wemis	Jhone Myles
Androw Forrett	Walter Todrik
James Leiche	Robert Williamson
Androw Watsoun	Henry Wisheart
Dauid Winchister	Nicoll Mayne
Thomas Dikson	Androw Carnwath.
Androw Welwod	
George Nairne, elder.	

And to landwart :—

George Ramsay of Langraw
Alexander Wod of Lambelathem
Patrik Dudingistoun of Rarderny[1]
Mr. James Wemis of Lathoker.
Jhon Jnglis of Stratyr[him]
Mr. Alexander Jarden
Thomas Carstaris
James Month in Strakynn[es].

The quhilk day, the saidis elderis and deacones electit a[r warnit to] compeir upon Sonday nixt in thair place accustuma[t, in tyme of] preaching befoir nune, and accept thair offices solemnly.

Sonday, the fyft of October, 1600.

Elderis and deacones acceptit thair offices.

The quhilk day, eftir incalling upon the name[2] of God, he saidis elderis and deacones being convenit in this kirk in thair ordinar seatt besyid the pulpeit, they all acceptit thair offices upon thame, and promittit to deuly discharge thair dewiteis thairin, in safar as God sall grant thame grace and habilitie.

Robert Arthour his citation *pro j^a.*

Robert Artnour is summond publiklie to compeir befoir the session upon Twisday nixt, to resave his injunctiones to repentance, conform to the Act of the kirk maid aganis him at Dumfermling, and th[at] for the first admonitioun, undir the pane of excommunicatioun.

Twisday, the vij of October, 1600.

Confessio Balfour, and his contract.

Duncan Balfour youngar callit comperit, and confest his trelaps in fornication, and last with Jonet Hird, servand to the commissar, and hes offerit xx li. for his penaltie, with four lib. to the puir, and sall pay the xx merkis left be his unquhile spous to the puir, and is ordinit to satisfie the disciplene as trelaps in fornication, and in end is contractit in mariage with Martha Kyninmonth.

Anent ordour for suering and baning.

The quhilk day, the haill elderis and deacones ar ordinit to provyid and have purses, for collecting of the penalteis fra all

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[1] *Sic.*

[2] *Nane* in MS.

personis of this congregatioun that uses to blaspheme God, ban or swear, in thair audience, and to present the samin in sessio[n] Twisday nixt, undir the pane of xij d. to ilk person failyeand.

Robert Arthour his citation *pro secundo.*

The quhilk day, Robert Arthour, callit, comperit nocht to resave his injunctiones to repentance, conform to the Act maid aganis him thairanent at Dumfermling; and thairfoir he is ordinit to be summond Sonday nixt, for the secund admonitioun, undir the pane of excommunication.[1]

Actis and statutis ratifyed.

The quhilk day, the haill actis and statutes, maid in this sessioun and contenit in this buik, being red and notifeit to the brethren, concerning guid ordour to be keipit be thame, and for executioun of disciplene and keiping of guid ordour and maneri[s] be the pepill, they have allowit the samin and ratifeit the saidis actis, and promittis to obey and observe the samin, and all uther actis tending to the glorie of God and weill of his Kirk.

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[1] On the 20th of November, the Presbytery ordained 'Mr. George Gledstanes to summond Robert Arthour to compeir befoir the Presbyterie the nixt day;' and on the 27th of that month, 'Robert Arthour confest befoir the Presbyterie that he haid maryit Patrik Abercrumbie and Agnes Forsyith, as also baptisit ane bairne, in the kirk of Logie, in presence of Mr. Johne Jnglis, Alexander Forsythe, the Laird of Lochmelowny, and his servand' (*Register of St. Andrews Presbytery*). Robert Arthour was an old offender, having, in 1595, written a false certificate for marriage (*supra*, p. 812).

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